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OUTLINE

The Future: The development of cyborg technology cheapened human life. The sky city Tipharee dominated life on the surface, and directly beneath it, built on the trash it threw away, was a unique community called the Scrapyard. Amid a tumultuous city full of crime, people struggled to survive.

It was there that Ido, a cybernetic doctor in the Scrapyard, found the head of a cyborg several hundred years old in a pile of rubble. Miraculously resurrected, the girl was named Alita. She had lost her memory, but her flesh remembered the legendary martial art Panzer Kunst. With Ido by her side, she became a bounty hunter and started down the path to self-discovery.

But an incident caused by the genius Tipharean scientist known as Nova led to Ido's death. Alita herself was arrested as a criminal by the Tipharean organization G.I.B. She was then forced to become a TUNED, an agent of Tipharee, and began to hunt down Nova, who held the key to Ido's resurrection.

Alita and her associates traveled to the space city Ketheres on a mission to recover the brain of Alita's dear friend, Lou, and have attempted to infiltrate Melchizedek in secret while joining the largest fighting tournament in the solar system. In Melchizedek, Alita discovers memories showing the origin of modern human society and witnesses the image of mankind in their desperate struggle to survive the "Impact Winter" and revive civilization.



Alita (Yoko):

A cyborg girl discovered in a pile of trash. She has no memory, but her body knows the legendary art of Panzer Kunst.



Ido (Moadi):

A hero who saved humanity from G.I.B. crime. He was once a cyborg named "GADGET." He also is T. T. T. T. T.



Ping Wu:

A genius hacker who once joined against G.I.B. Since being infected by T. T. T. T. T., he's lived in the shadow of his former self.



Arthur:

A former member of G.I.B. who was once a cyborg named "GADGET." He was a powerful fighter.



Nova:

A brilliant genius from Tipharee. He is currently connected to a mind chip and is in a portable format.



Sacks:

A former member of G.I.B. who was once a cyborg named "GADGET." He was a powerful fighter.

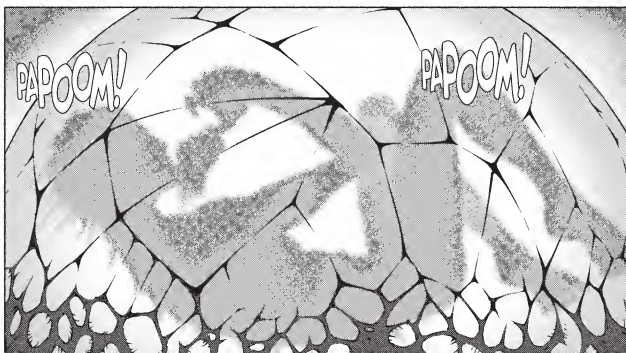


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Phase 56:
**Flan is
Fate!**

Wooo

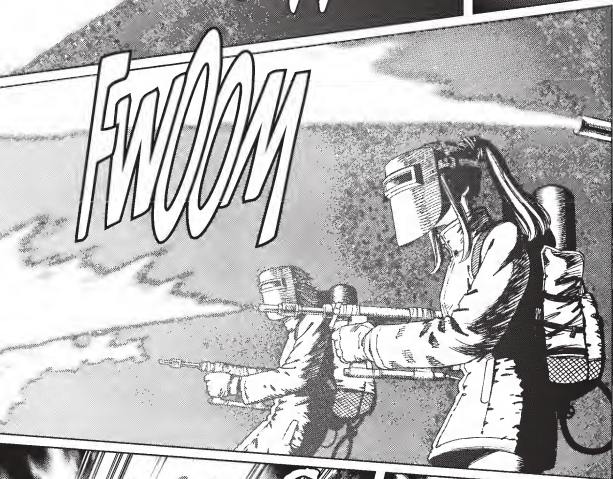
ERA SPUTNIK 591
SPACE CITY TIPHARES

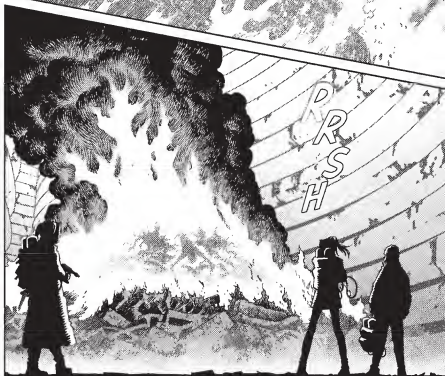


WHOO SH



FWOOM





PHEW

NOLA LAFARGHE

OKAY.

DON'T LET THE FIRE SPREAD.

BE SURE NOTHING'S LEFT BUT ASHES OR ELSE IT MIGHT COME BACK TO LIFE.

YOU CAN FINISH IT OFF.

I JUST WONDER ABOUT ALITA... HOW SHE'S DOING...

WE'VE GOTTA HANG IN THERE ON OUR OWN.

NUMBER EIGHTEEN, RIGHT? IF ONLY THERE WERE BOYS AROUND TO DO THIS...

I JUST CAN'T GET USED TO IT.

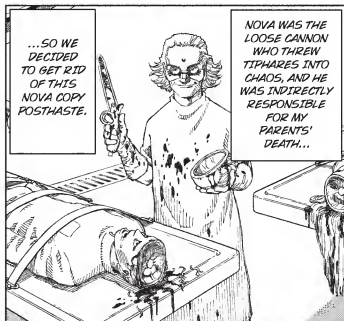
...TO
SOLVE THIS
WORLD'S
MYSTERIES
AND TO
RECOVER HER
FRIEND,
THAT WAS
THREE MONTHS
AGO...

ALITA
WENT TO
SPACE
WITH THE
DIABOLICAL
GENIUS
DESTY
NOVA...



...SO WE
DECIDED
TO GET RID
OF THIS
NOVA COPY
POSTHASTE.

NOVA WAS THE
LOOSE CANNON
WHO THREW
TIPHARES INTO
CHAOS, AND HE
WAS INDIRECTLY
RESPONSIBLE
FOR MY
PARENTS'
DEATH...



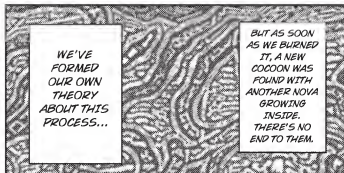
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TWO
WEEKS
AFTER
THEY
LEFT...

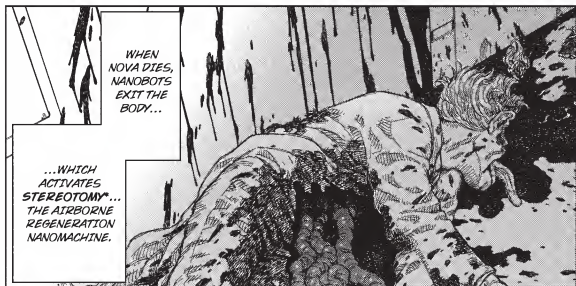
...WE
FOUND
NOVA'S
BODY
FORMING
INSIDE
A GIANT
COCOON.



WE'VE
FORMED
OUR OWN
THEORY
ABOUT THIS
PROCESS...

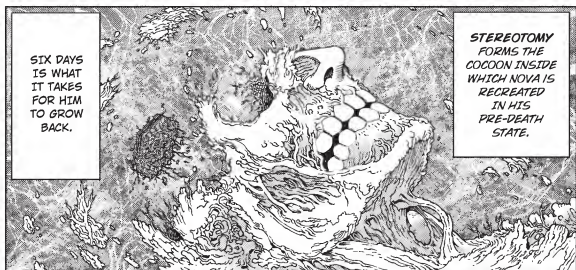
BUT AS SOON
AS WE BURNED
IT, A NEW
COCCON WAS
FOUND WITH
ANOTHER NOVA
GROWING
INSIDE.
THERE'S NO
END TO THEM.





WHEN
NOVA DIES,
NANOBOTS
EXIT THE
BODY...

...WHICH
ACTIVATES
STEREOTOMY*...
THE AIRBORNE
REGENERATION
NANOMACHINE.



SIX DAYS
IS WHAT
IT TAKES
FOR HIM
TO GROW
BACK.

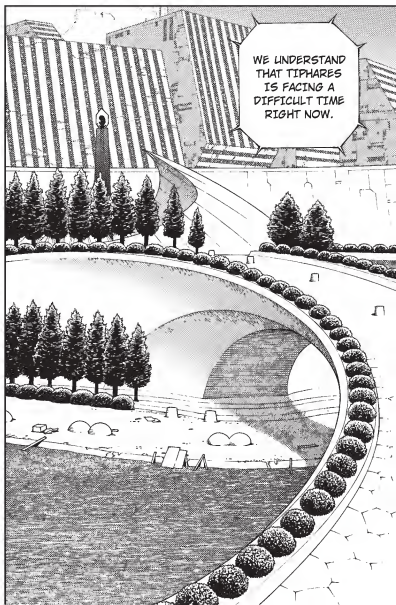
STEREOTOMY
FORMS THE
COOCON INSIDE
WHICH NOVA IS
RECREATED
IN HIS
PRE-DEATH
STATE.

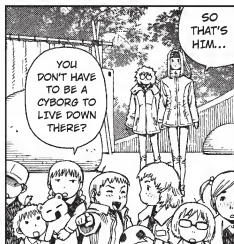


THE WAY TO
NEUTRALIZE
STEREOTOMY
-AN OUTRIGHT
SOLUTION-
HASN'T BEEN
FOUND YET...

...GLASSES,
CLOTHES,
BRAIN,
BIO-CHIP,
AND ALL!
A REBORN
PROFESSOR
NOVA...

*Stereotomy: A word previously applied to stoncutting. its new usage coined by Nola and the women. Its action is hypothetical, since they have no way of observing it directly.





YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A CYBORG TO LIVE DOWN THERE?

SO THAT'S HIM...

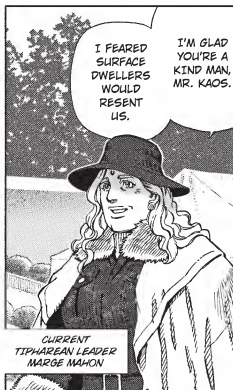


HE LOOKS KINDA COOL...



AND TO THINK YOU'RE FRIENDS WITH ALITA AND LOU...

SMALL WORLD.



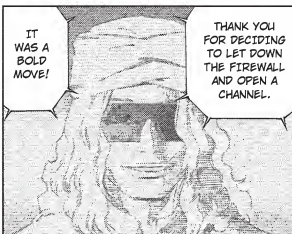
I FEARED SURFACE DWELLERS WOULD RESENT US.

I'M GLAD YOU'RE A KIND MAN, MR. KAOS.

CURRENT
TIPHAREAN LEADER
MARGE MAHON



ODD... WE DON'T RECALL DOING THAT...

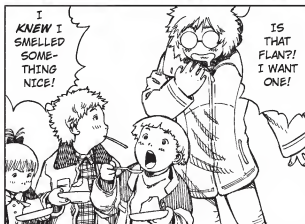


IT WAS A BOLD MOVE!

THANK YOU FOR DECIDING TO LET DOWN THE FIREWALL AND OPEN A CHANNEL.



I GOT IT FROM SOME GUY WEARING GLASSES ...

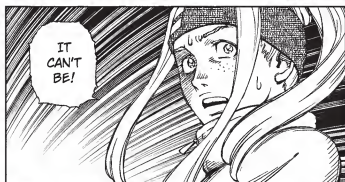
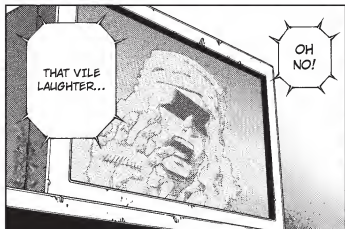


I KNEW I SMELLED SOMETHING NICE!

IS THAT PLAN?! I WANT ONE!



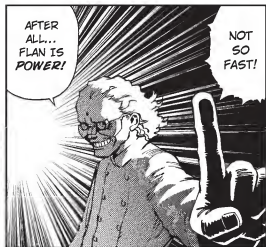
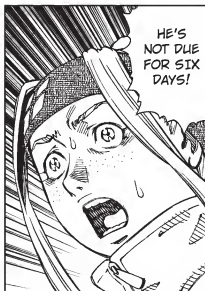
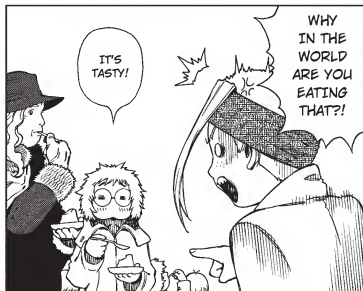
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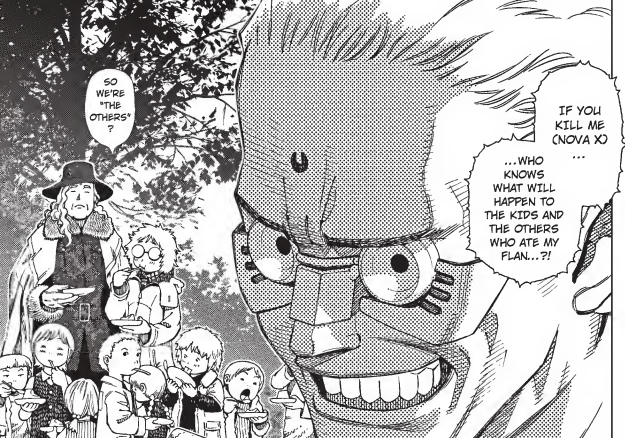


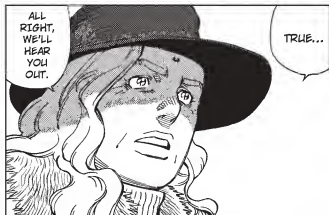
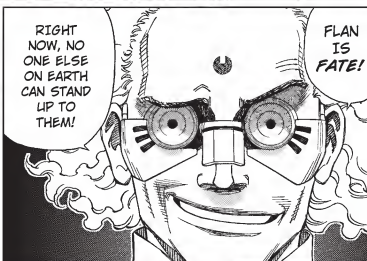
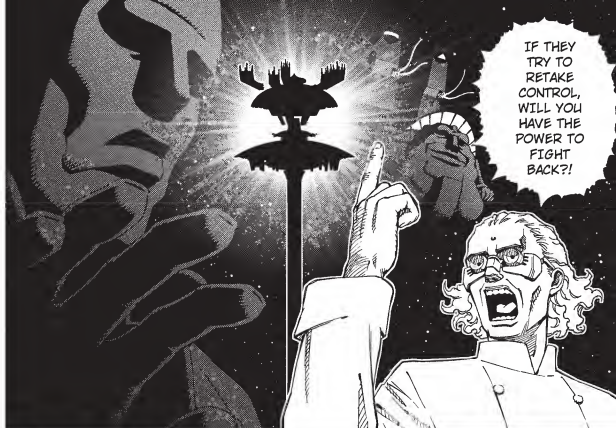


**FLAN
STANDS
FOR
HARMONY!**

**WOULD
YOU
LIKE
ONE,
TOO?**







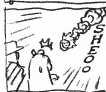


TO A
FREE AND
UNITED
TIPHARES
!

ALL FOR
FLAN,
AND **FLAN**
FOR ALL!

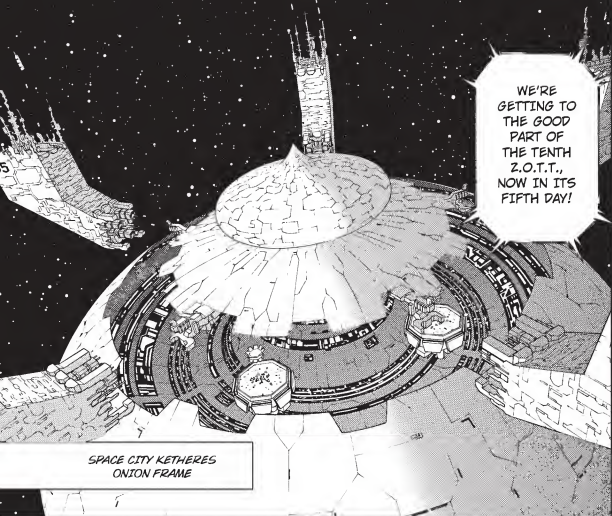
A JOKE STRIP THAT WAS REJECTED (FOR VOL. 7).

METEOR-MAN



METEOR-MAN





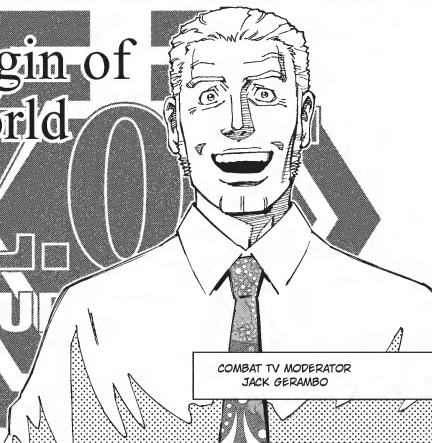
WE'RE
GETTING TO
THE GOOD
PART OF
THE TENTH
Z.O.T.T.,
NOW IN ITS
FIFTH DAY!

SPACE CITY KETHERES
UNION FRAME

Phase 57:

The Origin of This World

LET'S
TAKE A
LOOK BACK
AT THE
MATCHES
THUS FAR!
HERE'S OUR
BRIEF
RECAP...



COMBAT TV MODERATOR
JACK GERAMBO



FIRST,
A-BLOCK
ROUND ONE!
MATCH ONE,
SPACE ANGELS
VS.
GUNTROLLS.

ALITA AND THE
SPACE ANGELS
WON THE MATCH
IN A BATTLE
THAT WILL GO
DOWN IN THE
HISTORY OF
Z.O.T.T.!



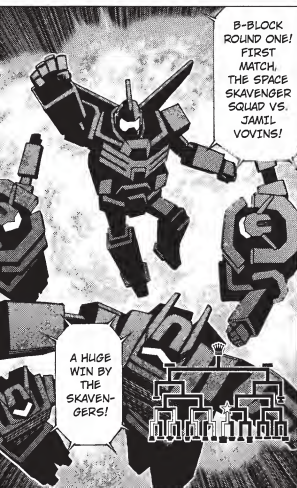
THIRD MATCH,
HEAVY ROAD
VS. WILD
GUNS!

WILD
GUNS
WIN IT
BY A
LAND-
SLIDE!



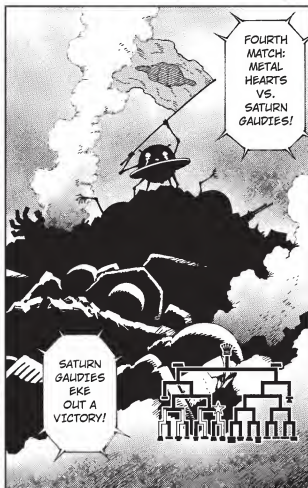
MATCH
TWO,
STARSHIP
CULT VS.
KEATS!

STARSHIP
CULT
WINS!



B-BLOCK
ROUND ONE!
FIRST
MATCH,
THE SPACE
SKAVENGER
SQUAD VS.
JAMIL
VOVINS!

A HUGE
WIN BY
THE
SKAVEN-
GERS!



FOURTH
MATCH:
METAL
HEARTS
VS.
SATURN
GAUDIES!

SATURN
GAUDIES
EKE OUT A
VICTORY!



MATCH
TWO!
MEAN
MACHINE
VS.
SPACE
KARATE
FORCES!

SINCE TOJI'S
OTHER TWO
TEAMMATES
DIDN'T
SHOW UP,
A NEW TEAM
WAS HASTILY
ASSEMBLED!

AS YOU
KNOW, TWO
OF THE SPACE
KARATE FORCES
WERE DEFEATED
BY ALITA IN
LEVIATHAN I.



THEY
WERE ALL
WORLD-
CLASS
KARATE
CHAMPS
...



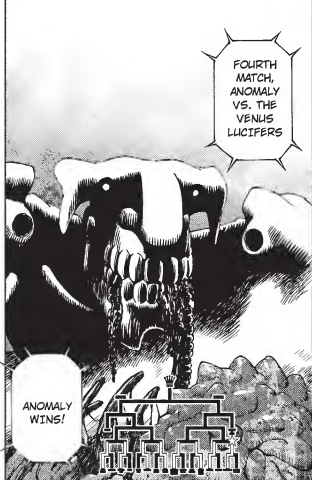
...BUT
FINESSE
MATTERS
LITTLE
IN A
KILLING
SPREE!



TOJI,
THE CAPTAIN
HAD TO BEAT
ALL FIVE BY
HIMSELF!

WHAT'S
LEFT OF
THE TEAM
BARELY
ADVANCES
TO ROUND
TWO!





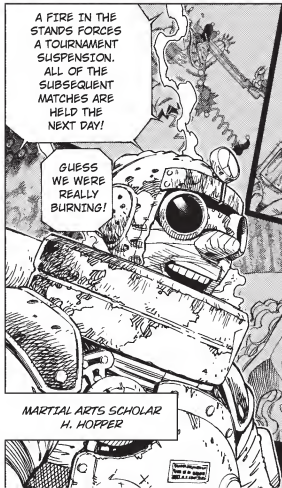
FOURTH
MATCH,
ANOMALY
VS. THE
VENUS
LUCIFERS

ANOMALY
WINS!



THIRD
MATCH,
GEOGIGAS
VS.
PIRAMANIA!

AND
GEO-
GIGAS
WINS
IT!



A FIRE IN THE
STANDS FORCES
A TOURNAMENT
SUSPENSION.
ALL OF THE
SUBSEQUENT
MATCHES ARE
HELD THE
NEXT DAY!

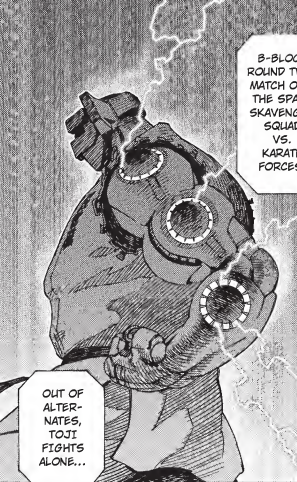
GUESS
WE WERE
REALLY
BURNING!

MARTIAL ARTS SCHOLAR
H. HOPPER



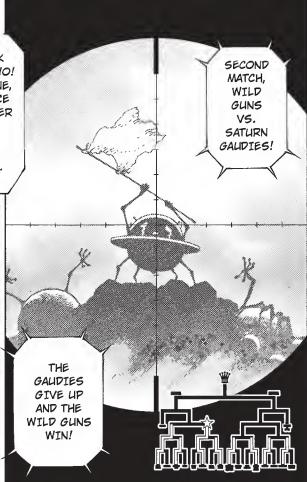
A-BLOCK
ROUND TWO!
FIRST MATCH:
SPACE ANGELS
VS.
STARSHIP
CULT.

ANGELS
TAKE IT
WHEN
TIME
RUNS
OUT!



B-BLOCK
ROUND TWO!
MATCH ONE,
THE SPACE
SKAVENGER
SQUAD
VS.
KARATE
FORCES.

OUT OF
ALTER-
NATES,
TOJI
FIGHTS
ALONE...



SECOND
MATCH,
WILD
GUNS
VS.
SATURN
GAUDIES!

THE
GAUDIES
GIVE UP
AND THE
WILD GUNS
WIN!



...PULVERIZING
SKAVENZINE, THE
TRANSFORMING
GIANT ROBOT!
SPACE KARATE
FORCES MOVE TO
ROUND THREE!





AND NOW THE
QUARTERFINALS
IN A-BLOCK!
ROUND THREE,
FIRST MATCH-
SPACE ANGELS
VS. WILD GUNS!

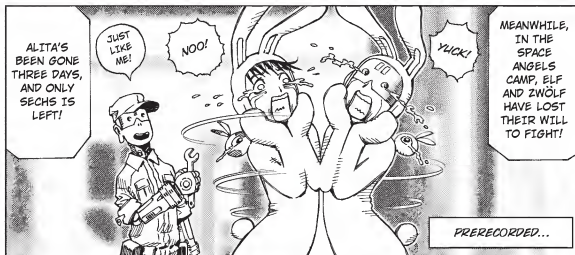


THE WILD GUNS
HAVE THUS FAR
SNIPED THEIR
ENEMIES WITH
SINGLE SHOTS,
AND THE WHOLE
TEAM IS INTACT!



SECOND
MATCH,
GEOGIGAS
VS.
ANOMALY.

THE
ENTIRE
ARENA
EXPLODES!
ANOMALY
SURVIVES!



ALITA'S
BEEN GONE
THREE DAYS,
AND ONLY
SECHS IS
LEFT!

JUST
LIKE
ME!

NOO!

YUCK!

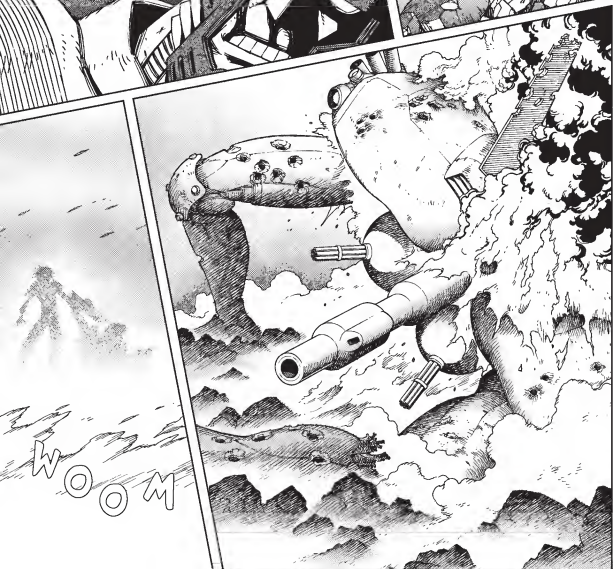
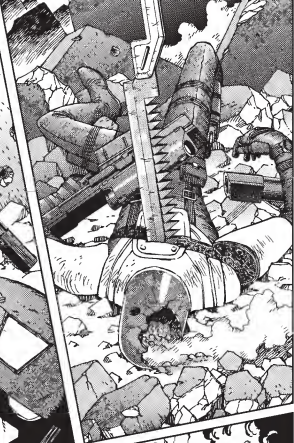
MEANWHILE,
IN THE
SPACE
ANGELS
CAMP, ELF
AND ZWÖLF
HAVE LOST
THEIR WILL
TO FIGHT!

PRERECORDED...



EVERYONE
THOUGHT SO-
BUT LOOK AT
THIS!

IS IT
OVER FOR
THE SPACE
ANGELS?







...BUT THE
ONLY GUN
I'VE GOT
IS YOUR
TEAMMATE'S!

IF MY ARM
WAS STILL
A CANNON,
WE COULDA
PLAYED A
DIFFERENT
GAME...

SPACE ANGELS CORE MEMBER
SECHS

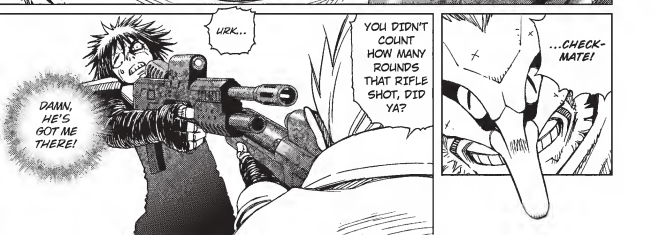


YOU'VE
INFLICTED
MAJOR
CASUALTIES
ON MY TEAM!

BUT
NOW
IT'S
...

OH, NO PROBLEM!
Z.O.T.T.'S AMMO
LIMIT MAKES IT A
SOUND STRATEGY
TO TAKE AND USE
ENEMY FIREARMS!

WILD GUNS CAPTAIN
GILROY

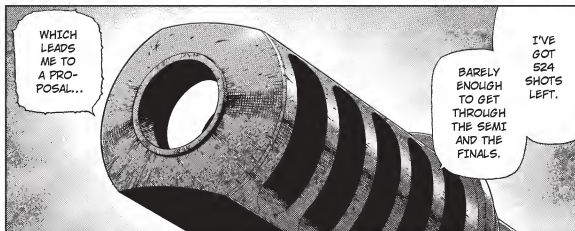


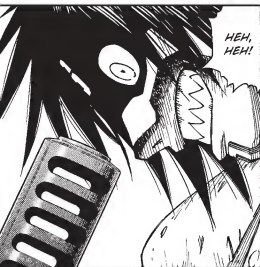
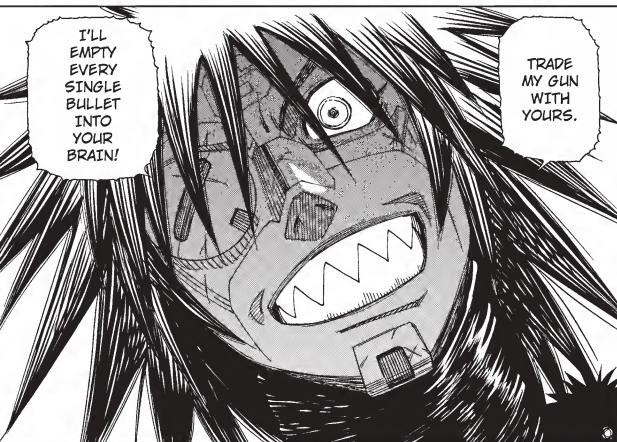
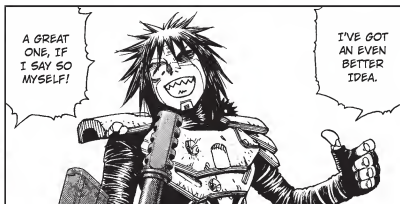
DAMN,
HE'S
GOT ME
THERE!

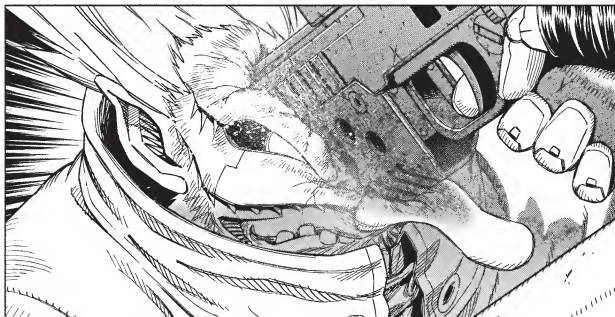
URK...

YOU DIDN'T
COUNT
HOW MANY
ROUNDS
THAT RIFLE
SHOT, DID
YA?

...CHECK-
MATE!





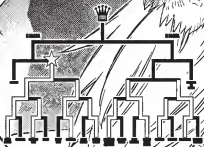


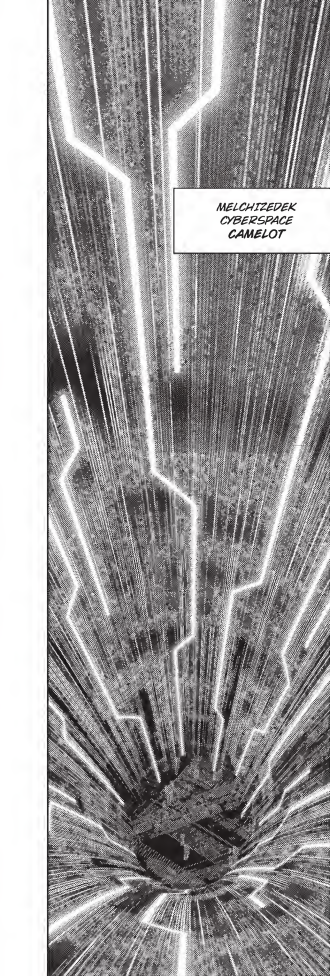
YA GO, HAVE YOUR GUN BACK!

...AND THE

...AND
THE
SPACE
ANGELS
CONTINUE
TO THE
SEMI-
FINALS!

SECHS,
LIKE TOJI,
MANAGES
TO BEAT
ALL
FIVE BY
HIMSELF!

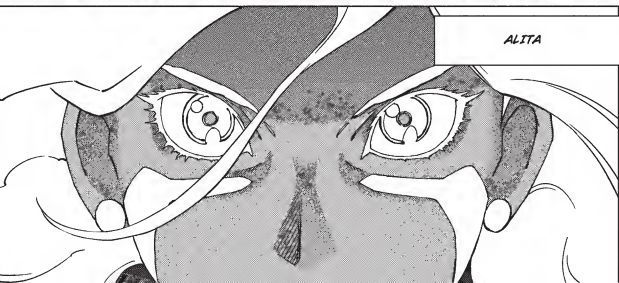




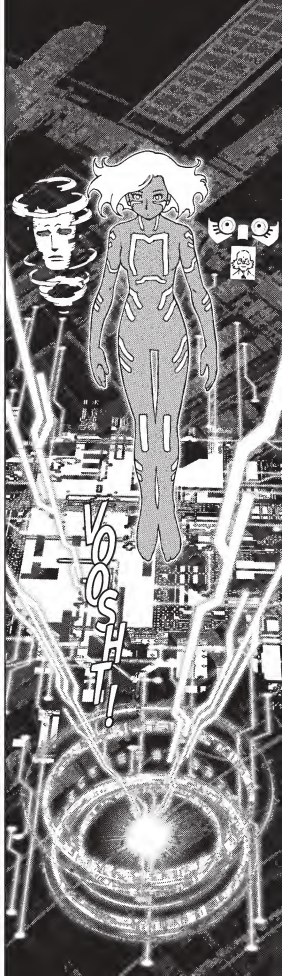
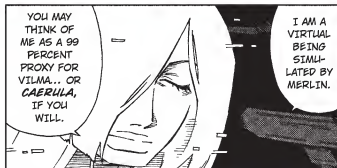
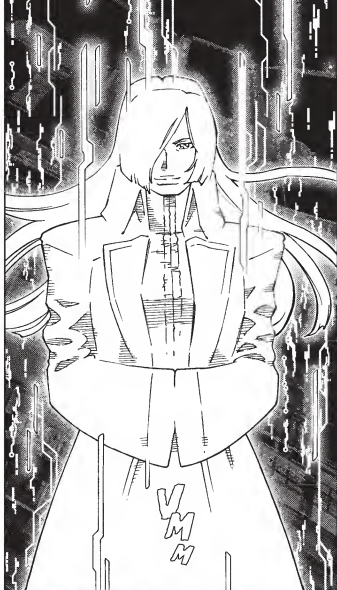
MELCHIZEDEK
CYBERSPACE
CAMELOT

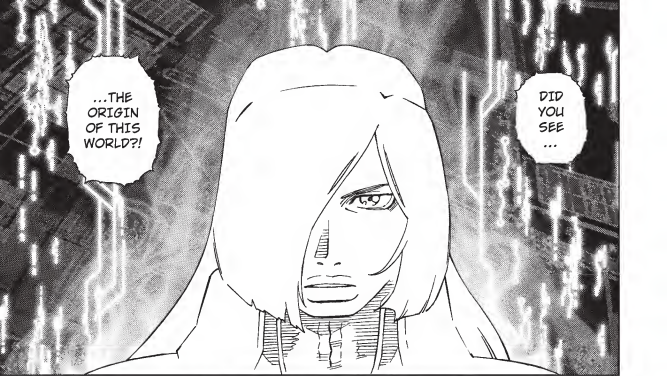


SPACE CITY
KETHERES



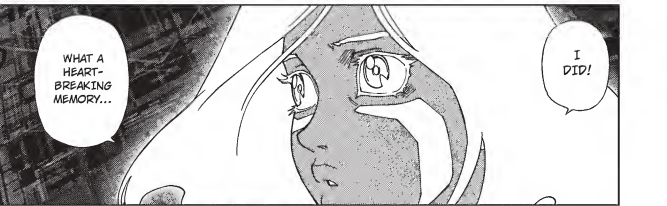
ALITA





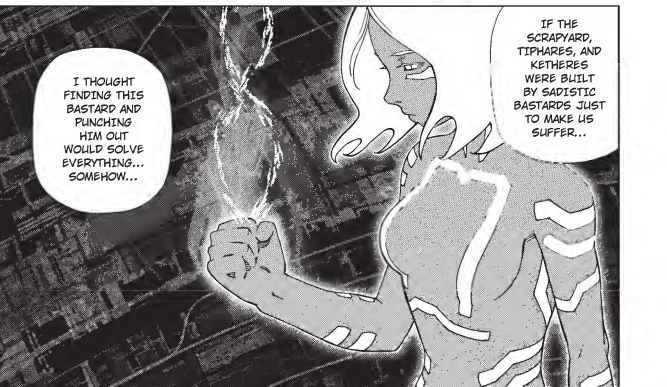
...THE
ORIGIN
OF THIS
WORLD?!

DID
YOU
SEE
...



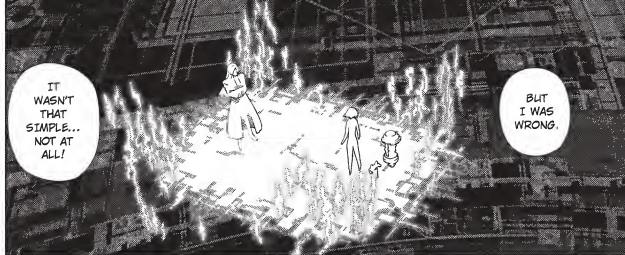
WHAT A
HEART-
BREAKING
MEMORY...

I
DID!



I THOUGHT
FINDING THIS
BASTARD AND
PUNCHING
HIM OUT
WOULD SOLVE
EVERYTHING...
SOMEHOW...

IF THE
SCRAPYARD,
TIPHARES, AND
KETHERES
WERE BUILT
BY SADISTIC
BASTARDS JUST
TO MAKE US
SUFFER...



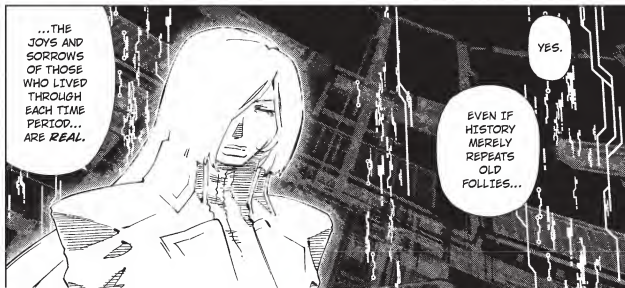
IT
WASN'T
THAT
SIMPLE...
NOT AT
ALL!

BUT
I WAS
WRONG.



...OF
THE
PEOPLE
WHO
MADE
THEM!

TIPHARES
AND
KETHERES...
EVEN
MELCHIZEDEK...
REFLECT THE
WISHES AND
HOPES...



...THE
JOYS AND
SORROWS
OF THOSE
WHO LIVED
THROUGH
EACH TIME
PERIOD...
ARE *REAL*.

YES.

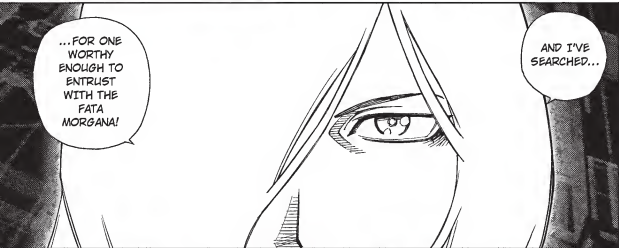
EVEN IF
HISTORY
MERELY
REPEATS
OLD
FOLLIES...



...I'VE
WATCHED
THE LIVES
AND DEATHS
OF MANY
OVER THE
YEARS.

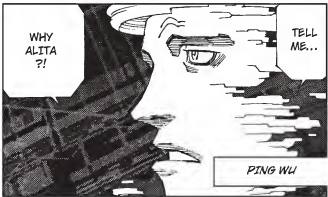


AS THE
KEEPER
OF FATA
MORGANA...



...FOR ONE
WORTHY
ENOUGH TO
ENTRUST
WITH THE
FATA
MORGANA!

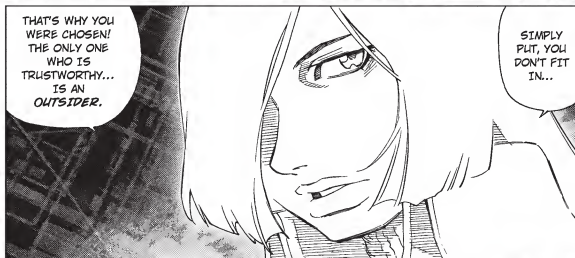
AND I'VE
SEARCHED...

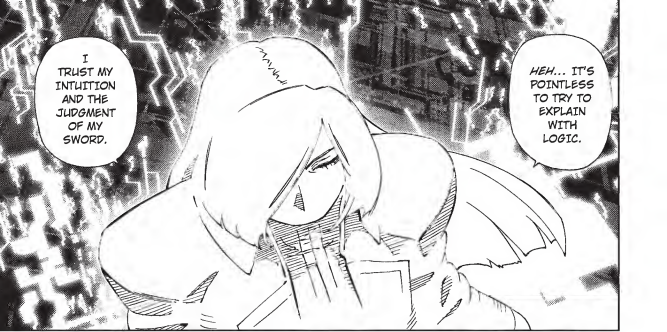


WHY
ALITA
?!

TELL
ME...

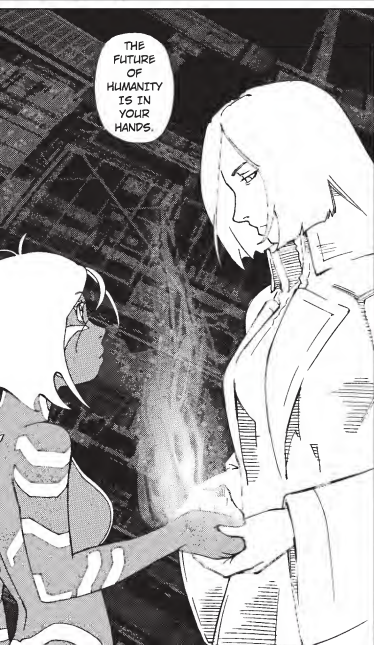
PING WU





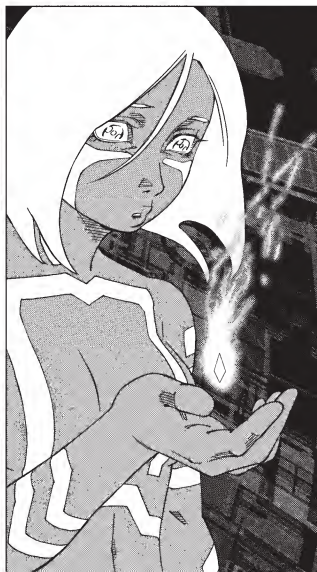
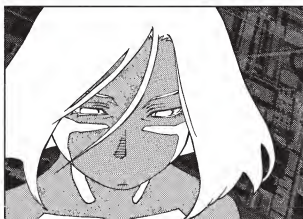
I
TRUST MY
INTUITION
AND THE
JUDGMENT
OF MY
SWORD.

HEH... IT'S
POINTLESS
TO TRY TO
EXPLAIN
WITH
LOGIC.

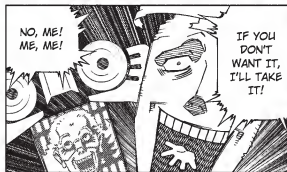


THE
FUTURE
OF
HUMANITY
IS IN
YOUR
HANDS.





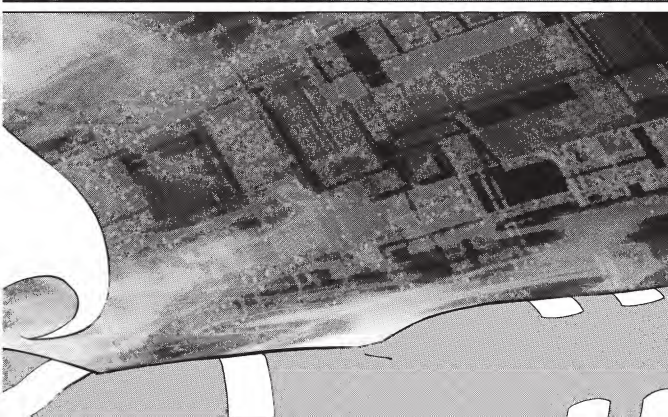
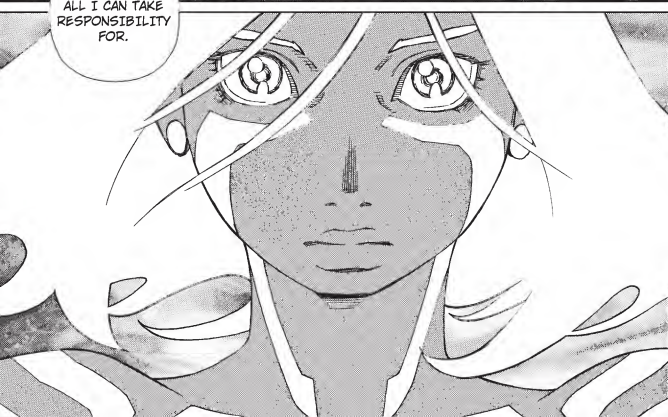
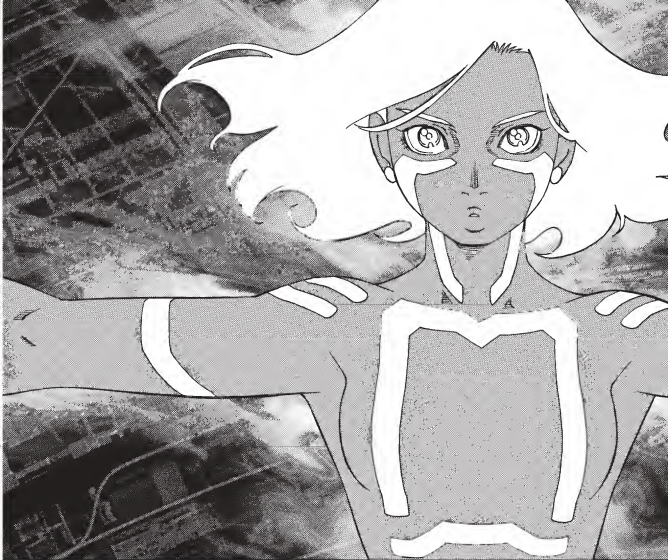
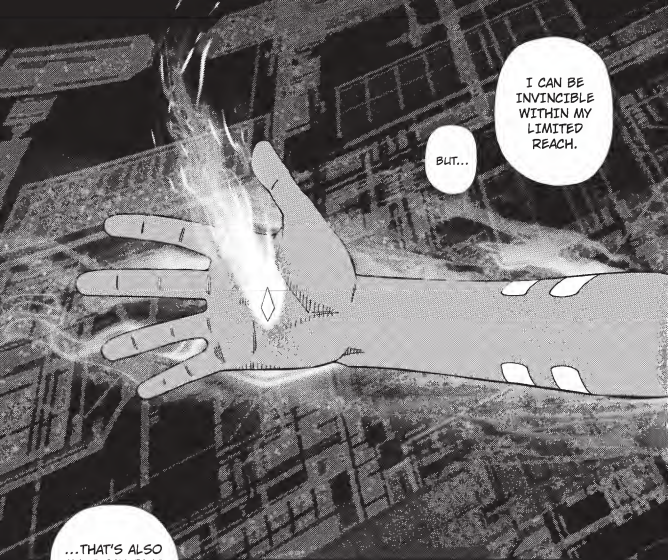
NO.

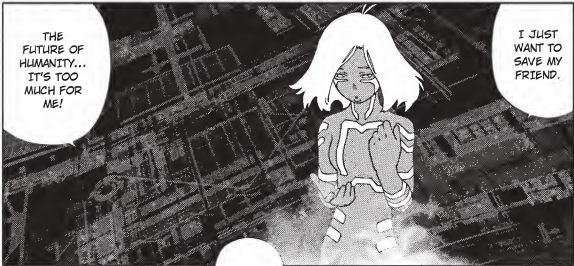


...YOU MISJUDGE ME.

CAERULA,
I SEE HOW INCREDIBLE YOU ARE,
BUT...

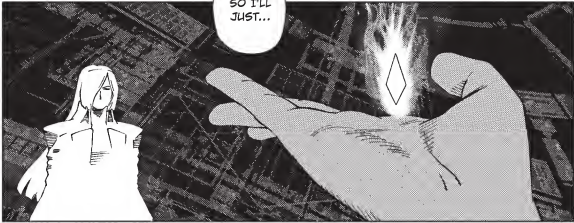






THE
FUTURE OF
HUMANITY...
IT'S TOO
MUCH FOR
ME!

I JUST
WANT TO
SAVE MY
FRIEND.

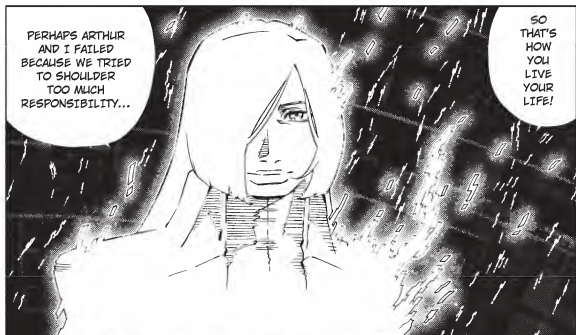


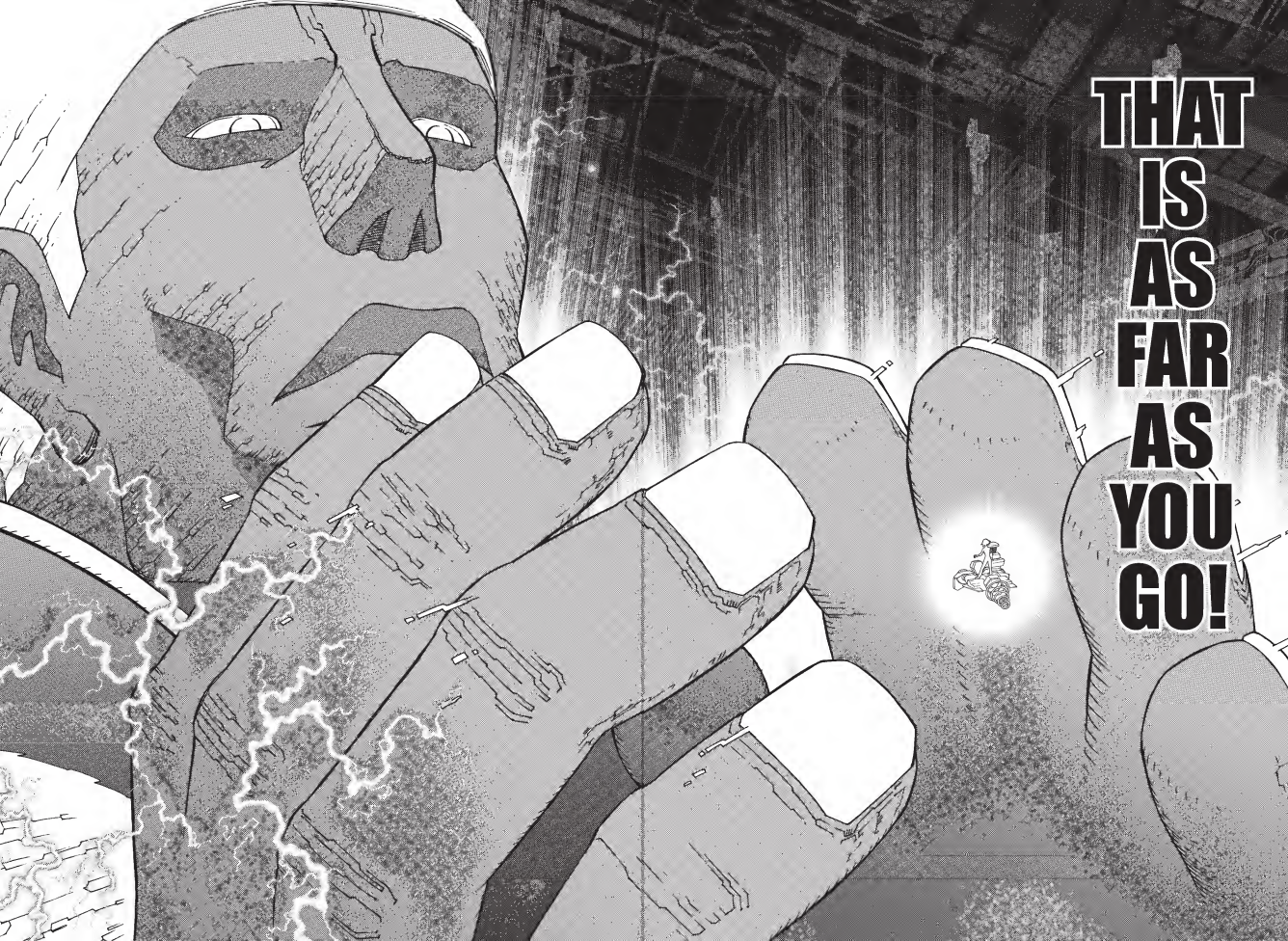
SO I'LL
JUST...



...UNTIL
I CAN
RETURN IT
TO YOU!

...HOLD
ON TO
THIS...





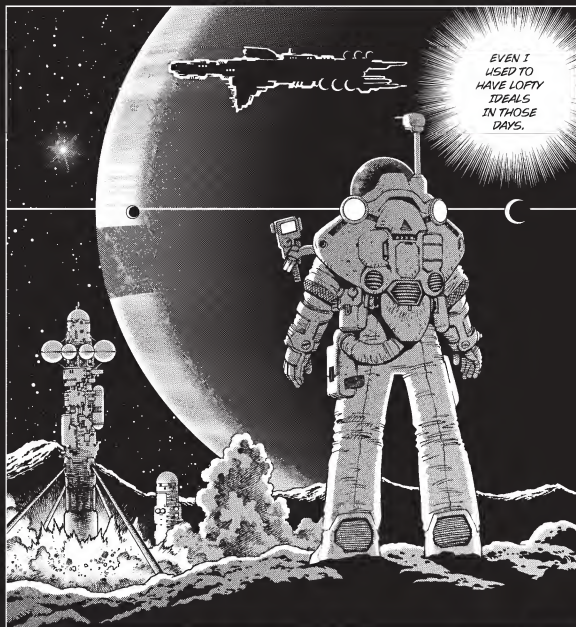
**THAT
IS
AS
FAR
AS
YOU
GO!**



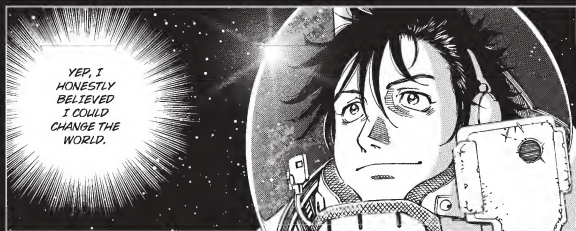
Phase 58:

Don't Be a Hero





EVEN I
USED TO
HAVE LOFTY
IDEALS
IN THOSE
DAYS.



YEP, I
HONESTLY
BELIEVED
I COULD
CHANGE THE
WORLD.



I WAS PROUD
WHEN THE
TERRAFORMING
WARS ENDED...
I IMAGINED
I HAD A HAND
IN IT.

WHEN I
WAS 21, I PUT
METHUSELYZA-
TION DATA
I STOLE FROM
A VENUSIAN
LAB ON THE
INTER-
PLANETARY
NET.

THE
WAY YOU
RISKED
YOUR LIFE-
IT WAS
ADMIRABLE.

SO CAPTAIN
MBADI WAS
MY HERO-
EVEN THOUGH
WE LIVED
SUCH
DIFFERENT
LIVES.

I USE TO
BELIEVE
EVERYTHING
IN THE WORLD
WAS GOING
IN THE RIGHT
DIRECTION...

...THAT
ALL THE
EVIL AND
MISFORTUNE
WOULD
DISAPPEAR,
ALONG WITH
WAR.

...LEAVING
ONLY
DISILLU-
SIONMENT.

BUT THE
DREAM
ENDED...

"WITHOUT DEADLINES THE MANGA ARTIST WILL NEVER GET THE JOB DONE." IN THE SAME WAY...

...WE HID FROM THE INCONVENIENT TRUTHS AND NOW WE'RE PAYING FOR IT.

MY DEAD PAL USE TO SAY... "IMMORTALITY IS A MANGA ARTIST WITHOUT DEADLINES.

I GOT OVER-ZEALOUS BECAUSE OF A WOMAN...

...AND CRUSHING DEFEAT WAS THE RESULT.

...WITH MY OLD HERO THE WORST "FINAL BOSS" OF THEM ALL.

THE WORLD HAD BECOME AN AWFUL PLACE...

...AND
THE SAD
TRUTH I
FOUND
WAS...

I HAD
100 YEARS
TO RE-
FLECT ON
ROBO-
ASYL...

THERE'S
NOTHING
ELSE I
WANT TO
DO!

SCUM
TO THE
BONE.

BUT...

I'M
SOME
KINDA
LOSER.

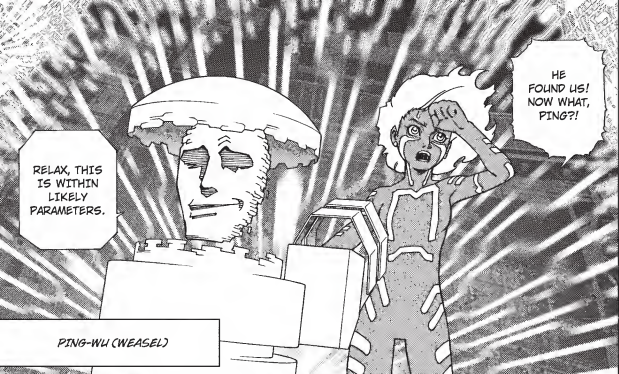
TO HELL
WITH THE
WORLD.
HUMANS
CAN DIE OUT
FOR ALL I
CARE.



GIVE
IT TO
ME!

I AM
WORTHY
OF BEING
THE HEIR
TO FATA
MORGANA.

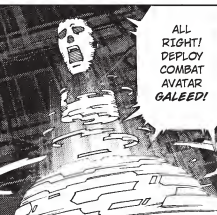
AGA MBADI (TRINIDAD)



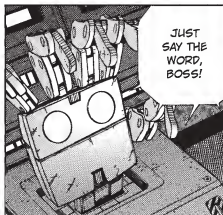
RELAX, THIS
IS WITHIN
LIKELY
PARAMETERS.

HE
FOUND US!
NOW WHAT,
PING?!

PING-WU (WEASEL)



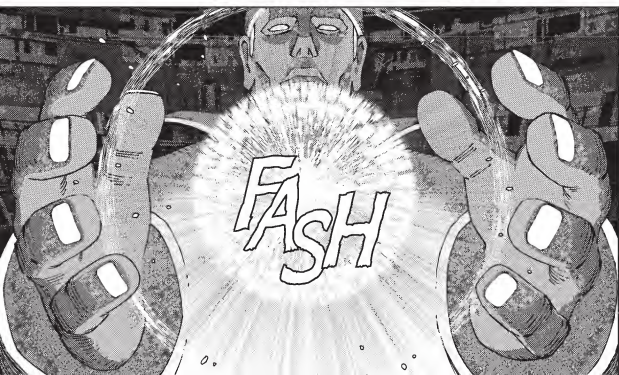
ALL
RIGHT!
DEPLOY
COMBAT
AVATAR
GALEED!

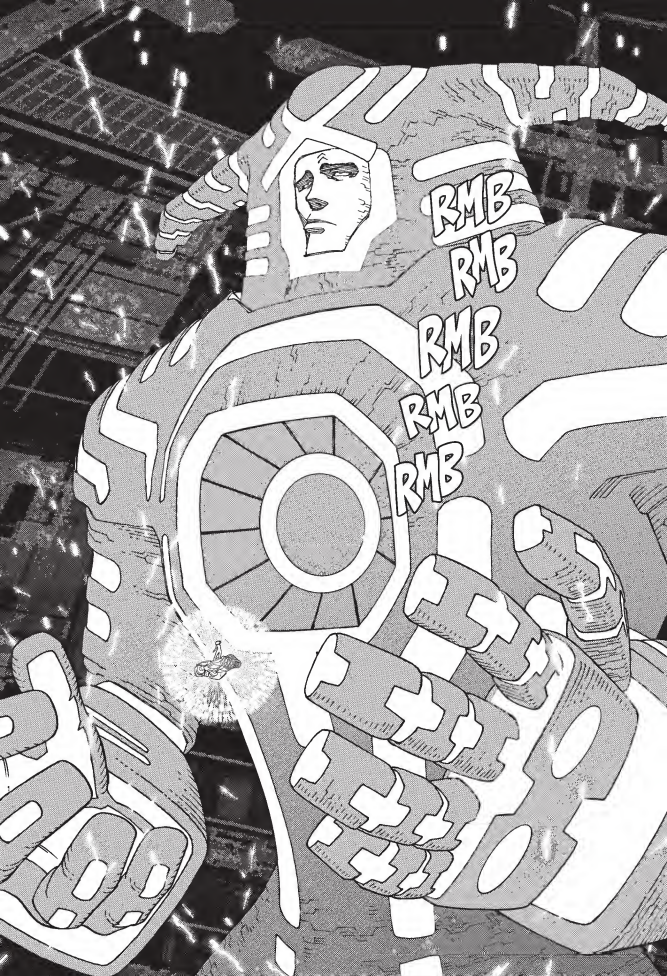


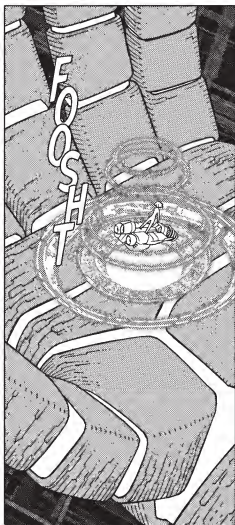
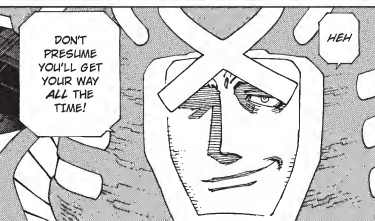
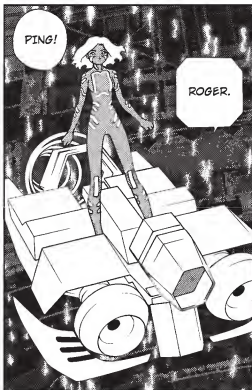
JUST
SAY THE
WORD,
BOSS!

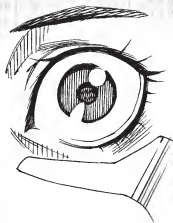
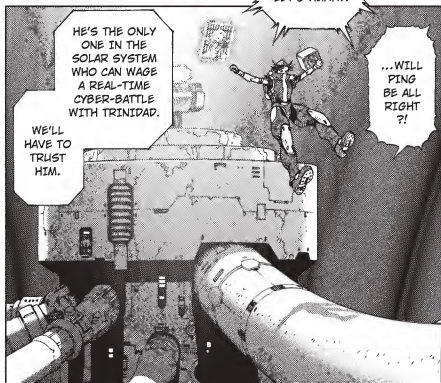
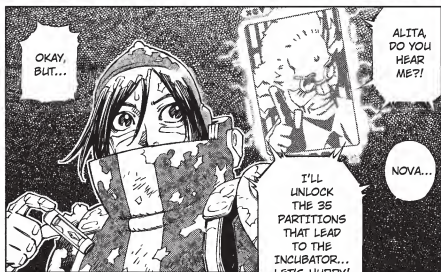
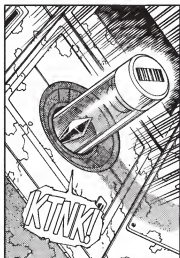


ARE
YOU
GOOD
TO GO,
KALE
?!





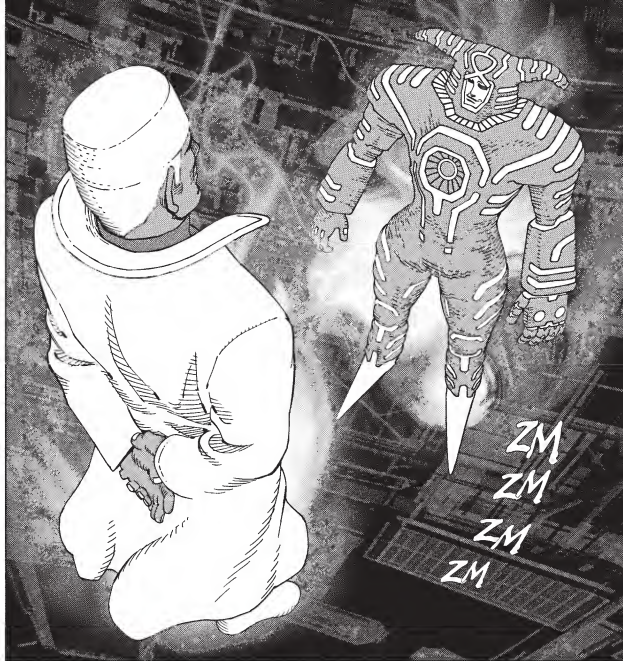






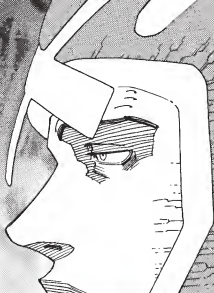
...I'M
GOING
TO SAVE
YOU!

SOON,
LOH...



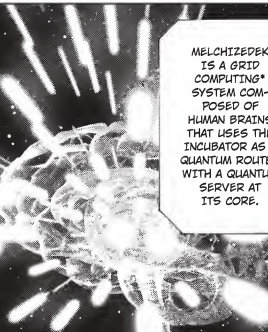
HOW MUCH
DO YOU
KNOW ABOUT
THE TRUE
NATURE OF
MELCHIZEDEK?

WEASEL...
I HAVE
ONE THING
TO ASK
BEFORE
I CRUSH
YOU LIKE
A FLEA.



...BUT
IT'S
FAR
MORE
THAN
THAT
NOW!

MELCHIZEDEK
IS...
THE CENTRAL
BRAIN THAT
MANAGES THE
ORBITAL RING
SYSTEM...
IT BEGAN AS
A FUTURE-
PREDICTING
QUANTUM BRAIN
SIMULATOR...

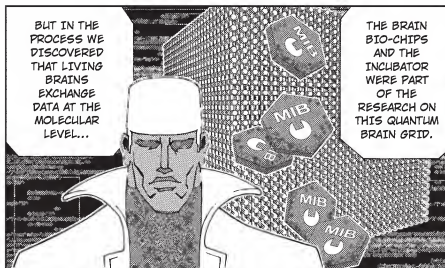


MELCHIZEDEK
IS A GRID
COMPUTING*
SYSTEM COM-
POSED OF
HUMAN BRAINS
THAT USES THE
INCUBATOR AS A
QUANTUM ROUTER
WITH A QUANTUM
SERVER AT
ITS CORE.

THAT'S WHAT
MELCHIZEDEK
HAS GROWN
UP TO BE!



*Grid computing: A network of dispersed computers linked to create one virtual super computer.

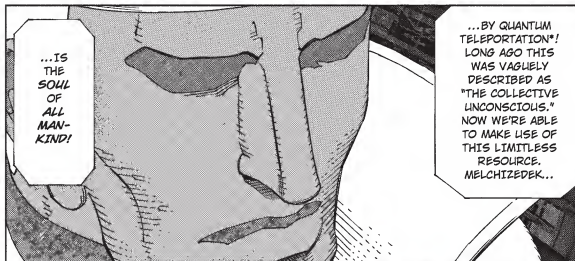


BUT IN THE
PROCESS WE
DISCOVERED
THAT LIVING
BRAINS
EXCHANGE
DATA AT THE
MOLECULAR
LEVEL...

THE BRAIN
BIO-CHIPS
AND THE
INCUBATOR
WERE PART
OF THE
RESEARCH ON
THIS QUANTUM
BRAIN GRID.

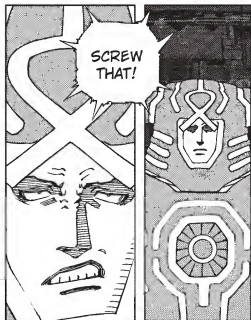


YES...



...IS
THE
SOUL
OF
ALL
MAN-
KIND!

...BY QUANTUM
TELEPORTATION*!
LONG AGO THIS
WAS VAGUELY
DESCRIBED AS
"THE COLLECTIVE
UNCONSCIOUS."
NOW WE'RE ABLE
TO MAKE USE OF
THIS LIMITLESS
RESOURCE.
MELCHIZEDEK...

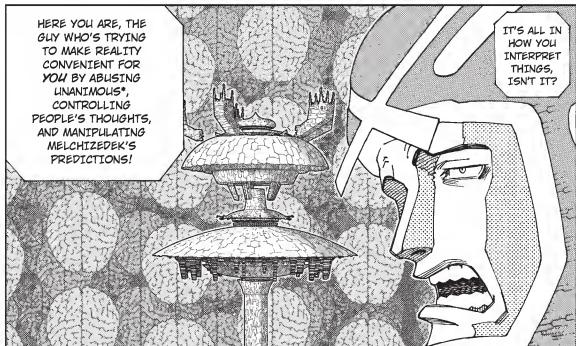


SCREW
THAT!



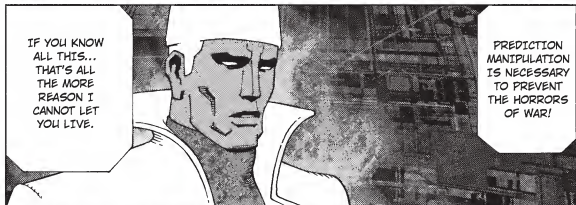
THUS AN
ACT OF
TERRORISM
ON
MELCHIZEDEK
IS TREASON
AGAINST
THE ENTIRE
HUMAN RACE!

*Quantum teleportation: Transferring a quantum state between two particles in an entangled state. This information transfer, called EPR channeling, occurs at superluminal speed.



HERE YOU ARE, THE
GUY WHO'S TRYING
TO MAKE REALITY
CONVENIENT FOR
YOU BY ABUSING
UNANIMOUS*,
CONTROLLING
PEOPLE'S THOUGHTS,
AND MANIPULATING
MELCHIZEDEK'S
PREDICTIONS!

IT'S ALL IN
HOW YOU
INTERPRET
THINGS,
ISN'T IT?



IF YOU KNOW
ALL THIS...
THAT'S ALL
THE MORE
REASON I
CANNOT LET
YOU LIVE.

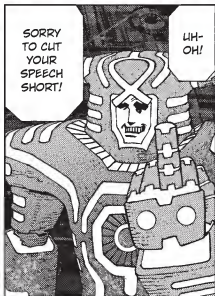
PREDICTION
MANIPULATION
IS NECESSARY
TO PREVENT
THE HORRORS
OF WAR!



HM?!

BRR

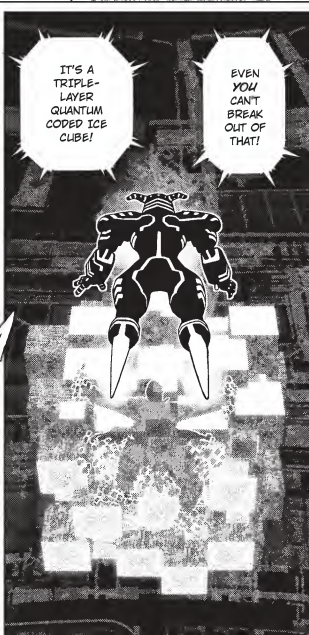
ZRR

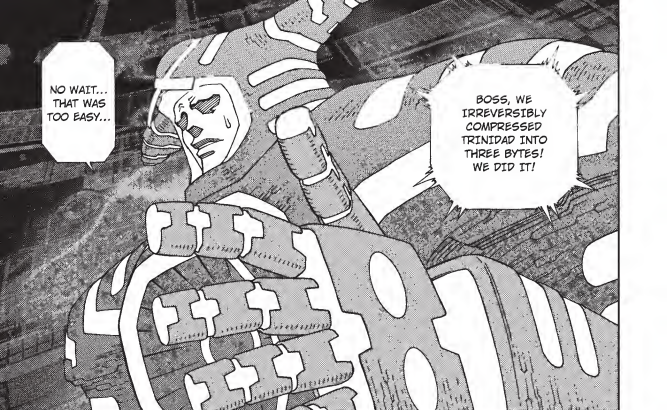


SORRY
TO CUT
YOUR
SPEECH
SHORT!

UH-
OH!

***Unanimous:** The cerebral public safety system required of citizens in the earth orbital federation. It makes people unconsciously abide the law by installing the nanomachine "peacemaker" in their brains. (See BAA:LO chapter 15)



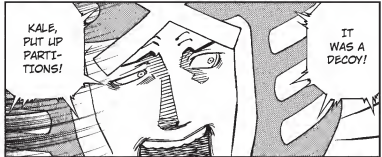


NO WAIT...
THAT WAS
TOO EASY...

BOSS, WE
IRREVERSIBLY
COMPRESSED
TRINIDAD INTO
THREE BYTES!
WE DID IT!



ONLY
ONE MAY
DEFINE
REALITY...



KALE,
PUT UP
PARTI-
TIONS!

IT
WAS A
DECOY!

...AND
THAT IS I,
TRINIDAD!

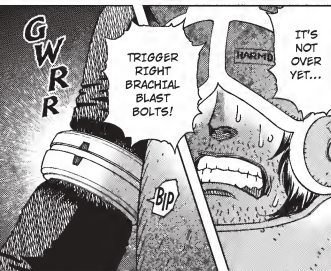
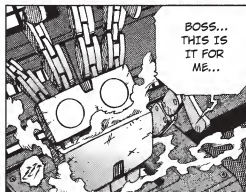
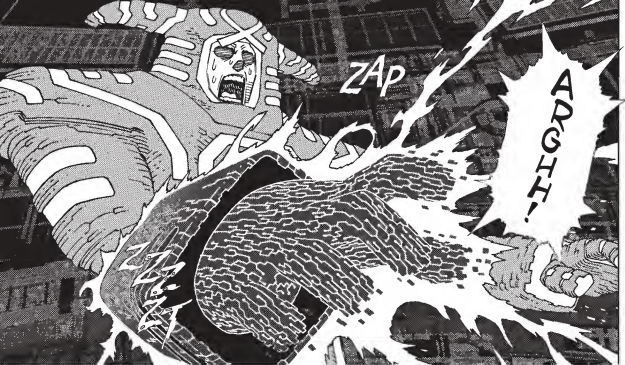


TOO
SLOW!

**S
L
A
M**



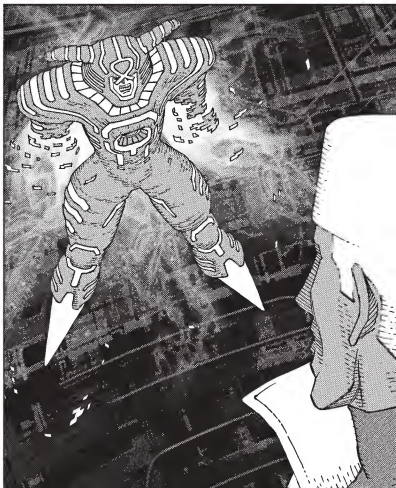
ELECTRO!

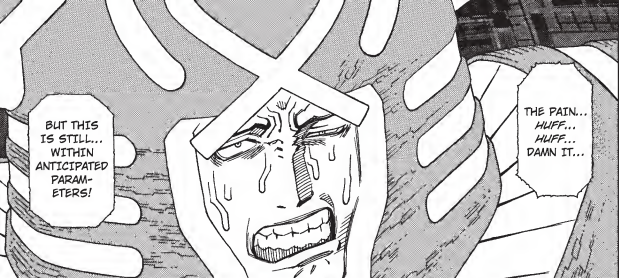




YOU CUT
OFF YOUR
ARM AS IF
IT WERE A
FUSE TO
INHIBIT MY
MORTAL
ECLIPSE
ATTACK...

SO
THIS IS
HOW THE
WEASEL
SURVIVED
A 100
YEARS
AGO...





BUT THIS
IS STILL...
WITHIN
ANTICIPATED
PARAM-
ETERS!

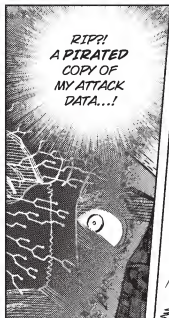
THE PAIN...
HUFF...
HUFF...
DAMN IT...



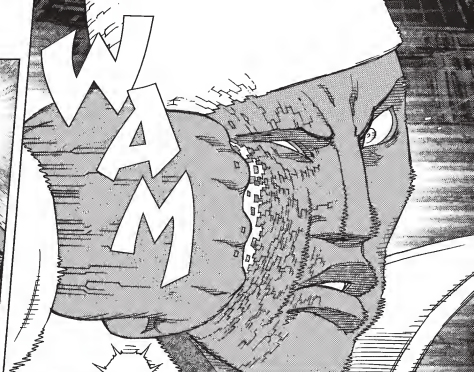
ECLIPSE

SOON
YOU
WILL
BEG
FOR
YOUR
LIFE.

RIP!!



RIP?!
A PIRATED
COPY OF
MY ATTACK
DATA...!



HRM!

BETTER
UPGRADE
THE COPY
PROTECTION
ON YOUR
ATTACK,
HUH...?!



SORRY,
BUT I DON'T
INTEND TO
PLAY ALONG.

WANNA
PLAY
CHICKEN
AND SEE
WHO DIES
FIRST?!

HEH!

THIS
CODE
WON'T
WORK
ON
ME!

POPP!

AH...
GAH!

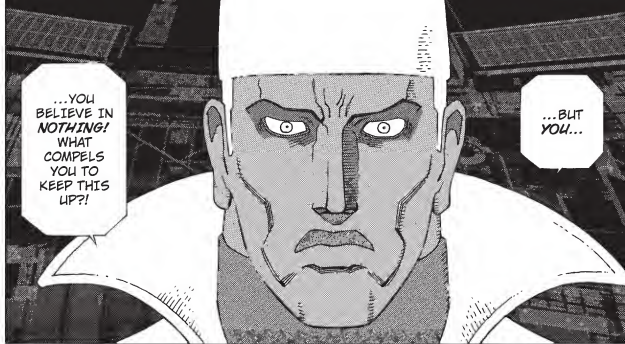
ACTIVATE
LEFT
THIGH
BLAST
BOLT!

FEH...
NO
FUN...

I'VE
FOUGHT
WITH
COUNTLESS
SCHUM...

LOP

SPL
R
K



...YOU
BELIEVE IN
NOTHING!
WHAT
COMPELS
YOU TO
KEEP THIS
UP?!

...BUT
YOU...



BUT
I'M...

SURE, I'M
A LOSER...



...THOSE
GUYS
WILL
BE
ABLE...

...NOT
ALONE!
AND
MAYBE...

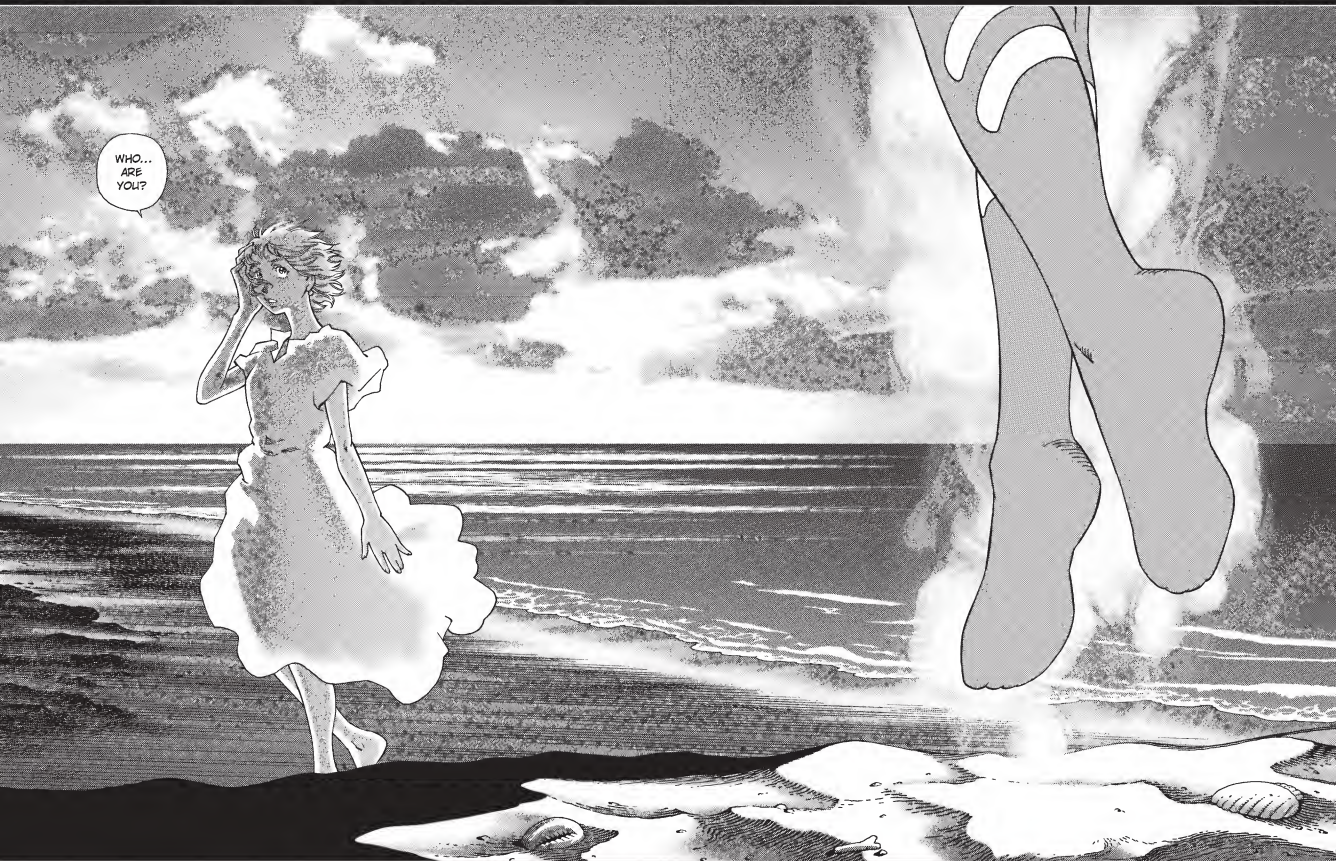
...INTO THIS
SCREWED-UP
WORLD!

INCUBATOR

...TO
LET
SOME
AIR...



WHO...
ARE
YOU?





YOU'D NEVER
UNDERSTAND,
EVEN IN A
THOUSAND
YEARS...

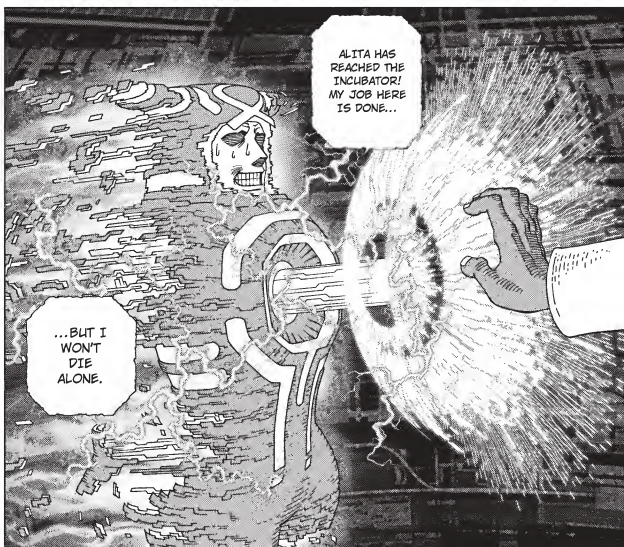
JUST LIKE
YOU'D NEVER
UNDERSTAND THE
HOPES OF AN
INSECT WITH A
LIFE CYCLE OF
A SINGLE DAY.



SOME...
AIR
?!

THAT'S
WHAT YOU
RISKED
YOUR LIFE
FOR?

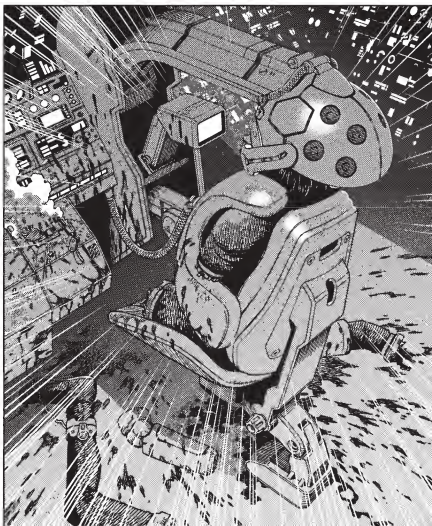
A LIFE
ETERNAL...
WASTED ON
POINTLESS
UNCERTAINTIES?



ALITA HAS
REACHED THE
INCUBATOR!
MY JOB HERE
IS DONE...

...BUT I
WON'T
DIE
ALONE.

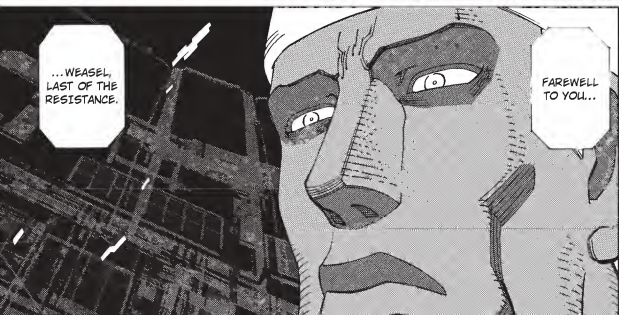




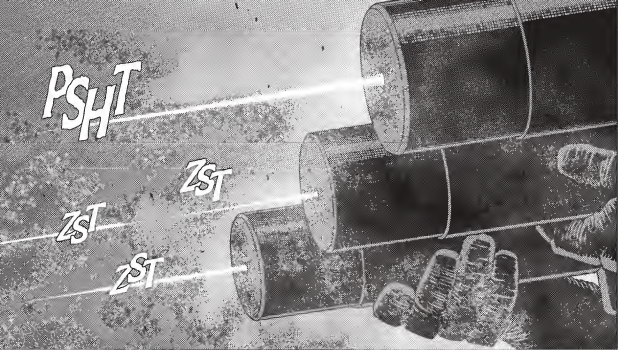


...WEASEL,
LAST OF THE
RESISTANCE.

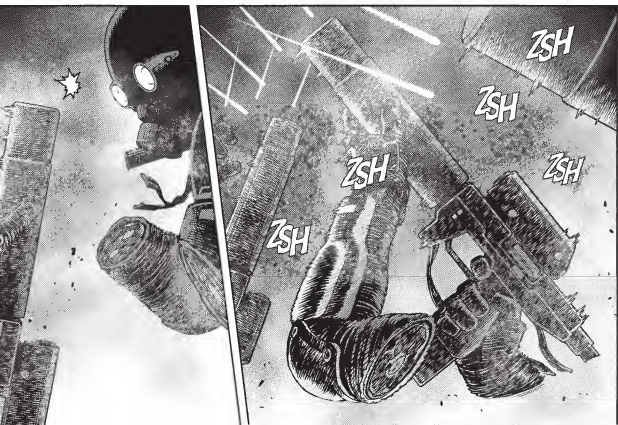
FAREWELL
TO YOU...

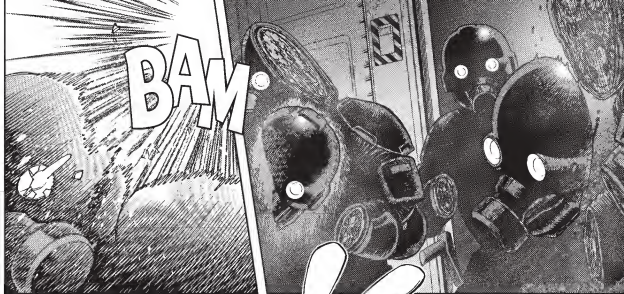


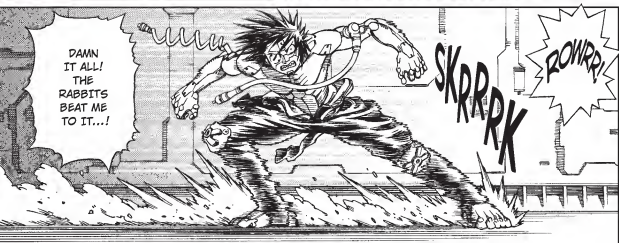
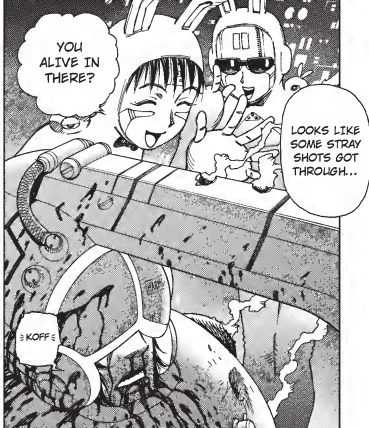
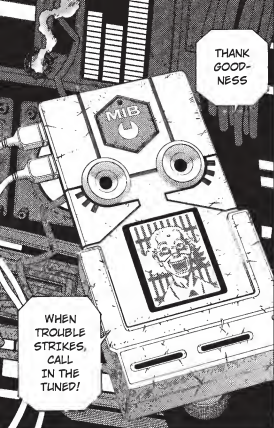


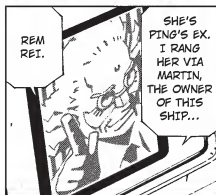


PHASE 59:
Don't You Play Dumb











...

YOU
FOOL
...



ALSO...

I DON'T
KNOW WHAT
MONKEY
BUSINESS
HE'S BEEN
GETTING
HIMSELF
INTO...

I'LL
TAKE THE
PATIENT TO
MY MEDICAL
VESSEL
AND
TREAT HIM
THERE!

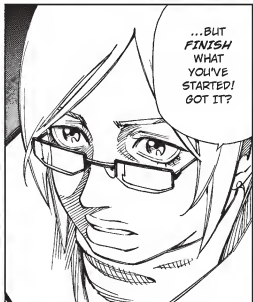


WE LEAVE
PING IN
YOUR
HANDS!



LEAVE
IT TO
ME!

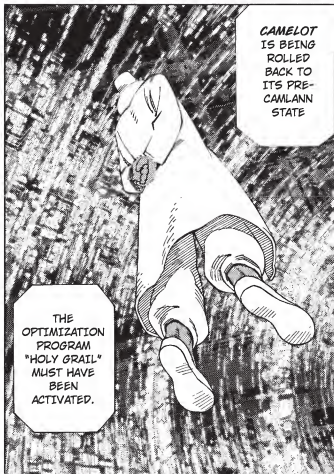
ALTHOUGH
I DON'T KNOW
A THING
ABOUT IT...



...BUT
FINISH
WHAT
YOU'VE
STARTED!
GOT IT?



WHAT
THE
...



CAMELOT
IS BEING
ROLLED
BACK TO
ITS PRE-
CAMLANN
STATE

THE
OPTIMIZATION
PROGRAM
"HOLY GRAIL"
MUST HAVE
BEEN
ACTIVATED.



HM?!

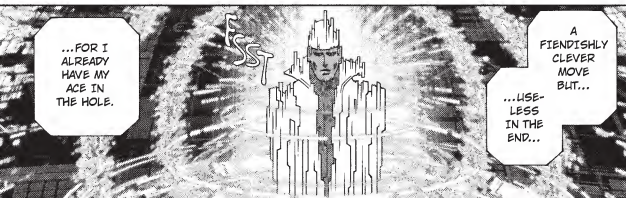
I CAN'T
GET IN!
"ERROR:
ACCESS
DENIED"
...?!



IT'LL
WASTE
HOURS,
BLT...

...I'LL HAVE
TO JACK
OUT AND
WAIT
FOR THE
SYSTEM TO
STABILIZE.

AND ALL
BECAUSE
THEY USED
THE FATA
MORGANA!



...FOR I
ALREADY
HAVE MY
ACE IN
THE HOLE.

A
FIENDISHLY
CLEVER
MOVE
BLT...

...USE-
LESS
IN THE
END...

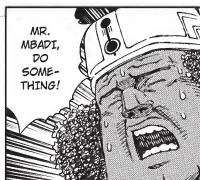


WHAT'S
GOING
ON?



SKRTZT

YEEK
!



MR.
MBADI,
DO
SOME-
THING!



WHAT'S
WRONG,
CHAIR-
MAN?

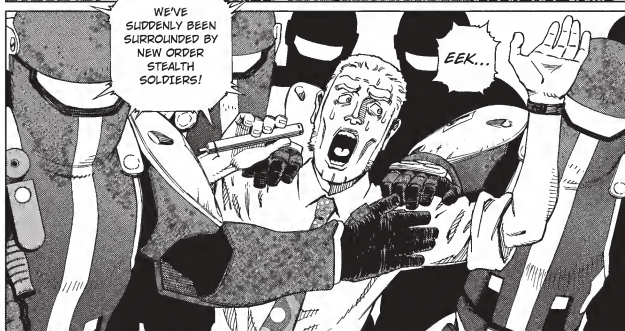


DON'T
PLAY
DUMB!



AREN'T
THESE
YOUR
CRACK
TROOPS,
MBADI?!







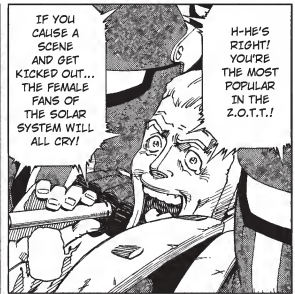
WE'RE ALL
WAITING TO
SEE HOW
YOUR TEAM OF
UNKNOWN'S
DOES
AGAINST
THE SEEDED
TEAMS.

GO BACK
TO YOUR
BASE SHIP,
PREPARE
FOR THE
SEMIFINALS.



I'M SICK
AND TIRED
OF THIS
FARCE!

WHO
CARES
?!



IF YOU
CAUSE A
SCENE
AND GET
KICKED OUT...
THE FEMALE
FANS OF
THE SOLAR
SYSTEM WILL
ALL CRY!

H-HE'S
RIGHT!
YOU'RE
THE MOST
POPULAR
IN THE
Z.O.T.T.!



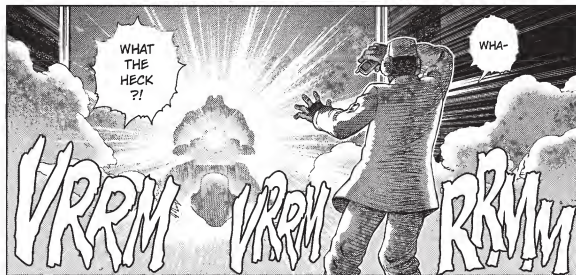
WORDS MEAN
NOTHING
WHEN
SPOKEN BY
A STRAY
DOG...

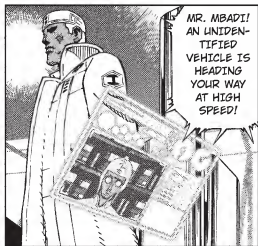


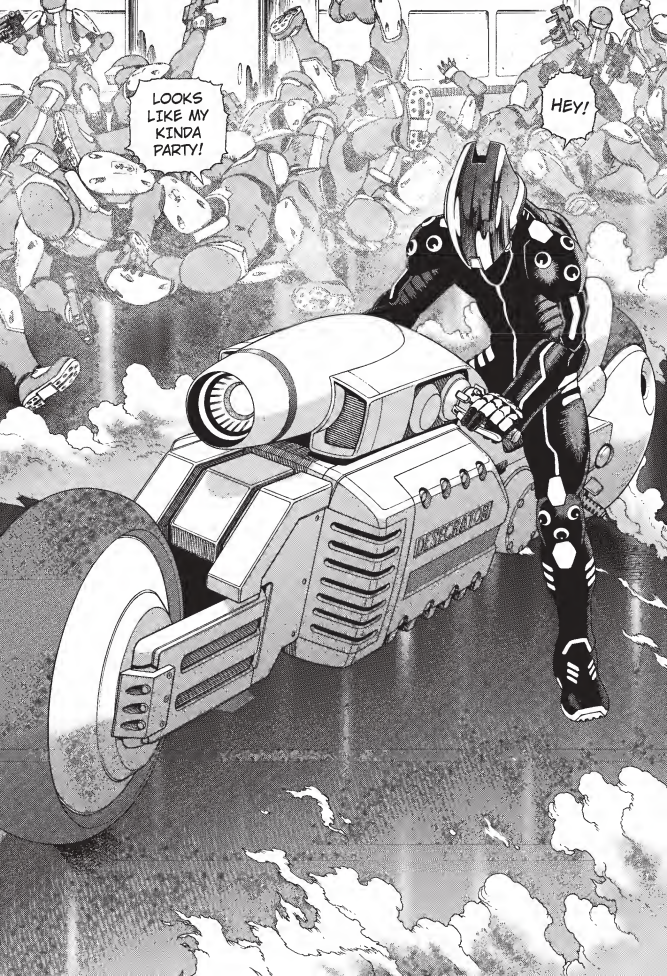
...IF
I RUN
AMOK
HERE
?!

HUH
?!

HEH...
SO WHAT
WOULD
HAPPEN...







LOOKS
LIKE MY
KINDA
PARTY!

HEY!

DESKRATOR

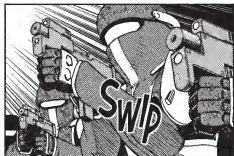


DON'T
SHOOT!
HE'S MY
GUEST!

WAIT!

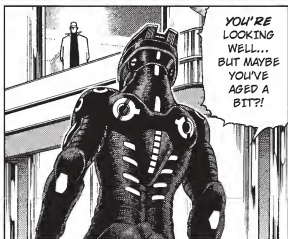


LEMMIE
JOIN
YA...



I'LL LET
IT SLIDE
IF YOU
GET THIS
MESS
UNDER
CONTROL.

DID YOU
HAVE TO
INJURE
23 MEN
ON YOUR
WAY IN?



YOU'RE
LOOKING
WELL...
BUT MAYBE
YOU'VE
AGED A
BIT?!



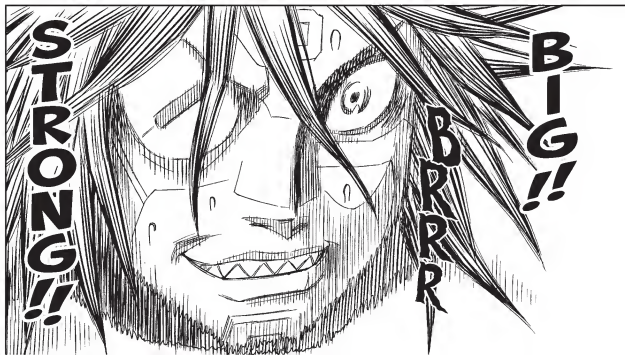
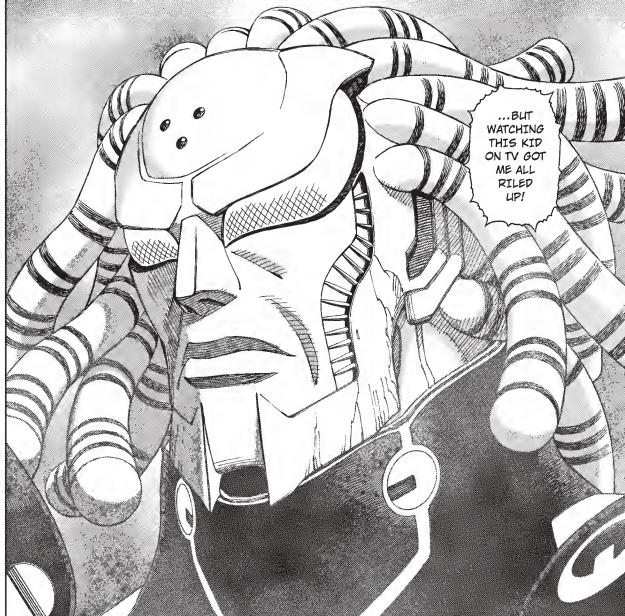
PZINGG
YOUR
SECOND-
RATE
Z.O.T.T.
BORES
ME...

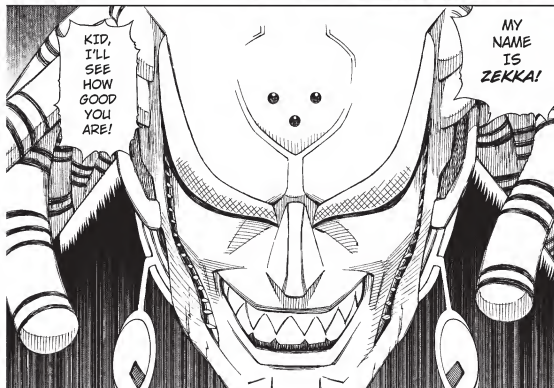
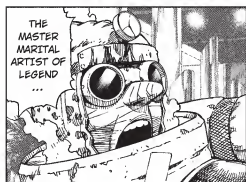
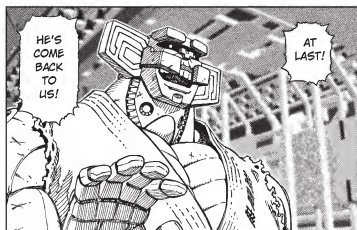


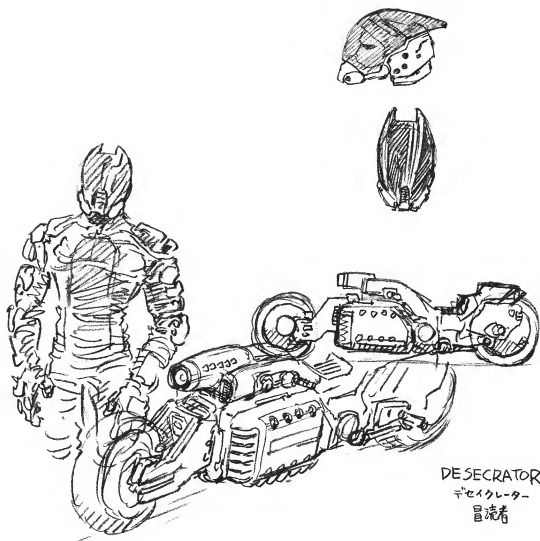
WHOA!
THAT GUY!
HE'S...



THIS
KID,
HUH?







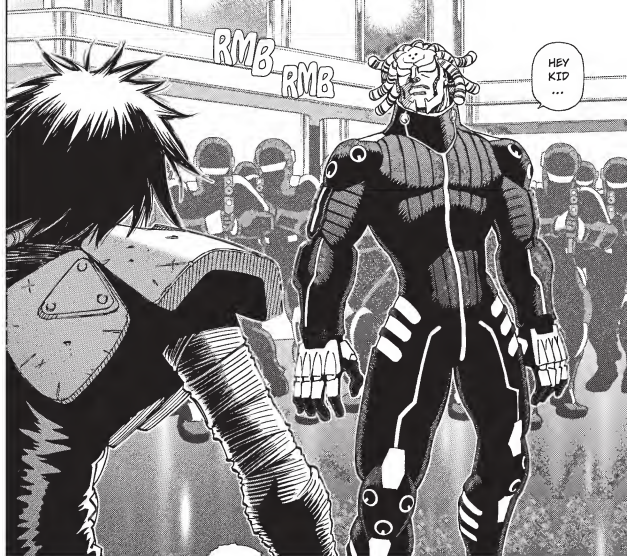
DESECRATOR

デセクレター

冒読者

Phase 60:
Growing at Supersonic Speed





RMB RMB

HEY
KID
...

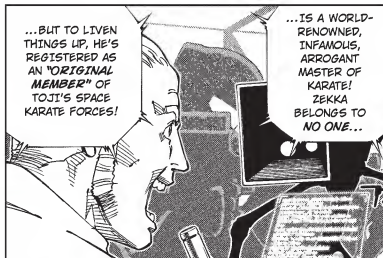


NO
BLIND
SPOTS,
HIGH
STRENGTH
...

...AND
NOBODY
CAN TELL
WHAT
YOU'RE
THINKING!

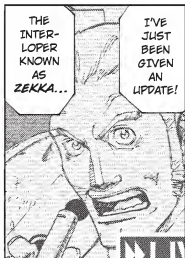
COMPOUND
EYES...
THE BEST!

TNK
TNK



...BUT TO LIVEN
THINGS UP, HE'S
REGISTERED AS
AN "ORIGINAL
MEMBER" OF
TOJI'S SPACE
KARATE FORCES!

...IS A WORLD-
RENOWNED,
INFAMOUS,
ARROGANT
MASTER OF
KARATE!
ZEKKA
BELONGS TO
NO ONE...



THE
INTER-
LOPER
KNOWN
AS
ZEKKA...

I'VE
JUST
BEEN
GIVEN
AN
UPDATE!

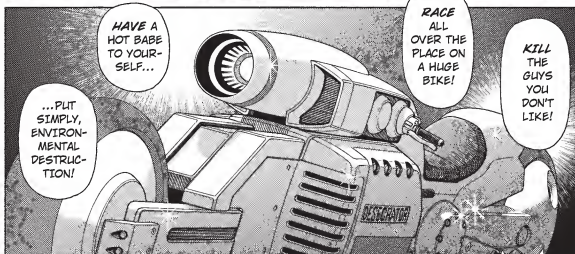
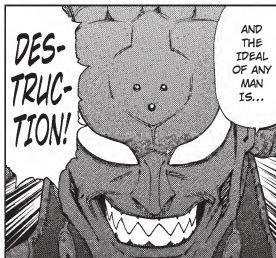


YOU'LL HAVE
TO ANSWER
THE USUAL
QUESTION!

IF YOU
WANT TO
TEST
ME...



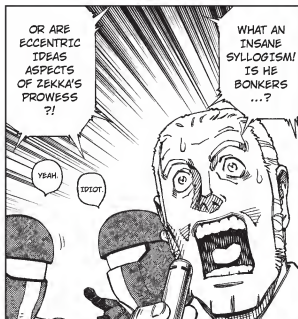
WHAT'S THE
ESSENTIAL
QUALITY
OF A TRUE
WARRIOR?!



DESTRUCTION!

PLANETARY





OR ARE
ECCENTRIC
IDEAS
ASPECTS
OF ZEKKA'S
PROWESS
?!?

WHAT AN
INSANE
SYLLOGISM!
IS HE
BONKERS
...?

YEAH.

IDIOT.



WH-
WHAT
IS HE
SAYING
...?

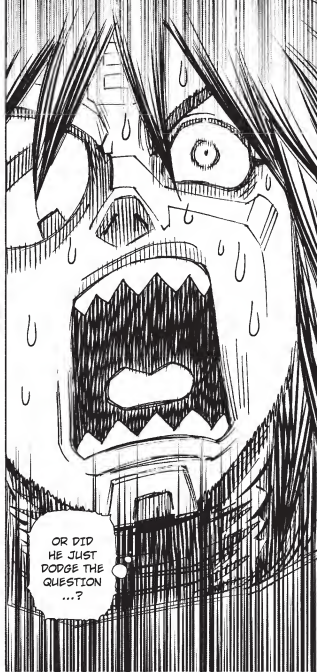
HE
SOUNDS
LIKE A
TERROR-
IST!



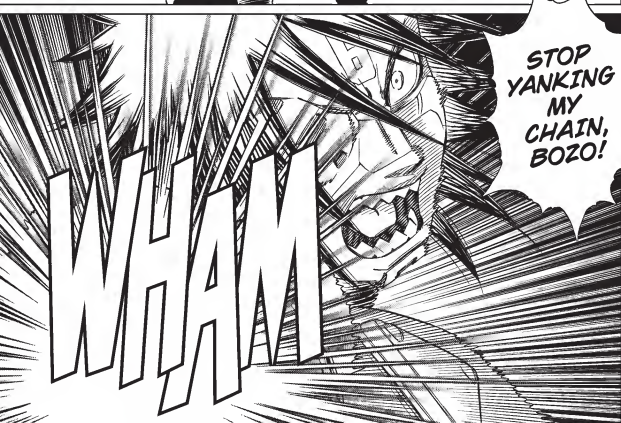
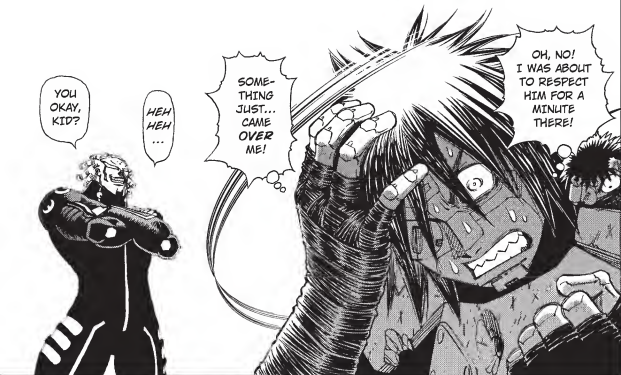
DON'T
MAKE AN
ENEMY
OF HIM.

ZEKKA
ACCEPTS NO
AUTHORITY
BUT HIS
OWN.
HE'S A
HARDCORE
ANARCHIST
...

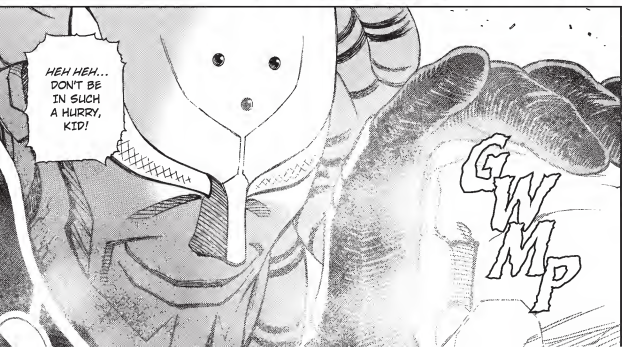
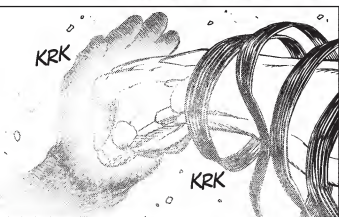
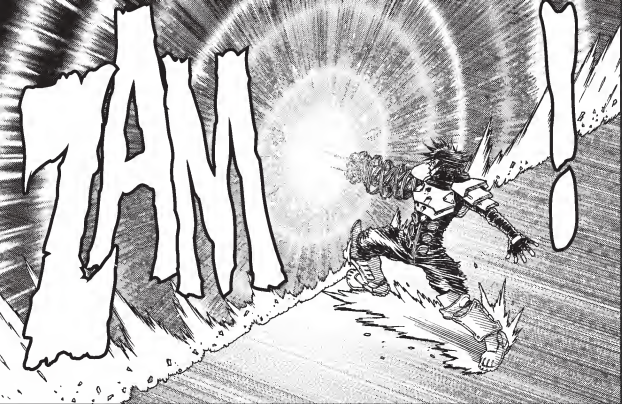
O-ON SUCH A GRAND SCALE!

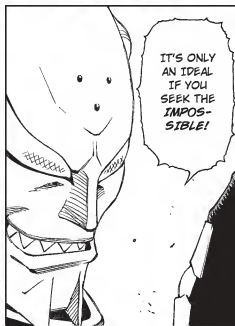
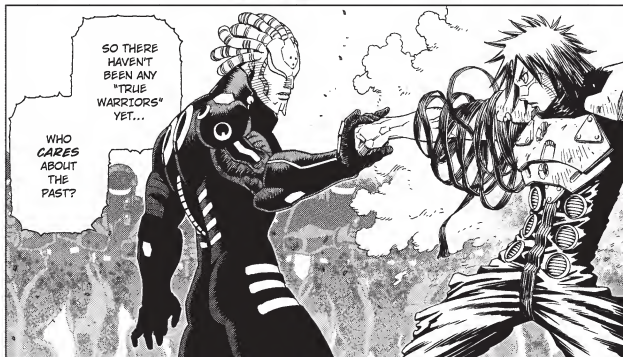
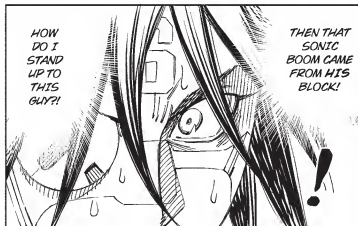


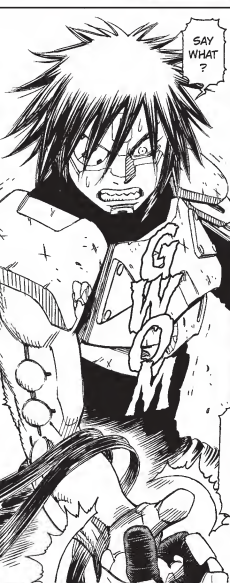
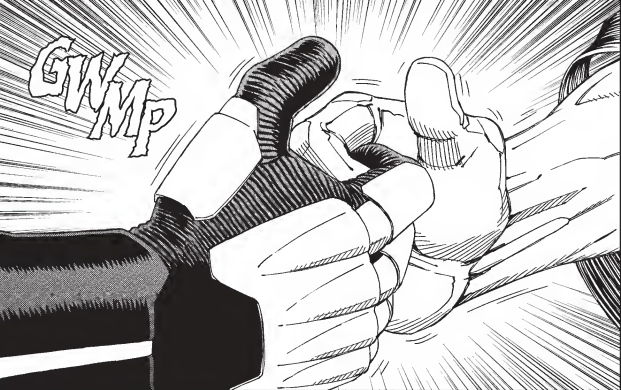
OR DID
HE JUST
DODGE THE
QUESTION
...?











SAY
WHAT
?



WE'D BE
A MIGHTY
NUISANCE IF
WE DUKED IT
OUT *HERE!*



...
SHAK-
ING
HANDS
?!

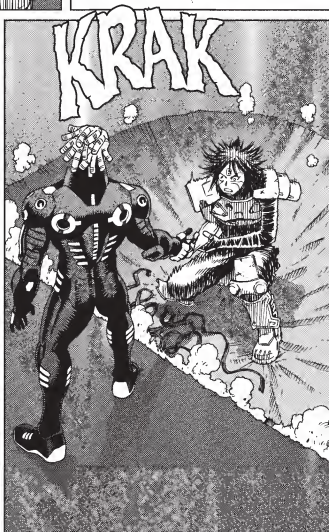
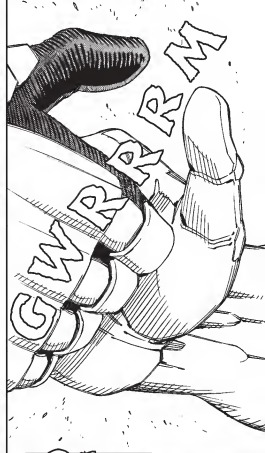
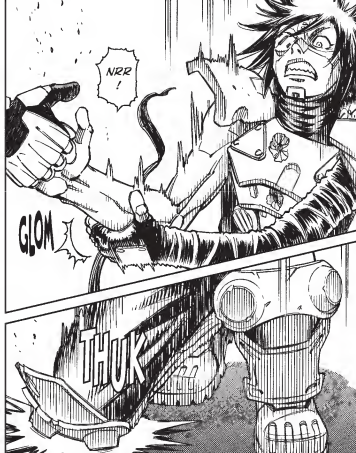
ARE
THEY
...



TWIK
TWIK

EVER
HEAR OF
THUMB
WRES-
TLING?

YOU WIN BY
HOLDING
THE OTHER
GUY'S THUMB
DOWN FOR
TEN COUNTS.



A close-up of a Fizziroy's head. It has a large, bulbous nose, a wide mouth with a small smile, and several thick, segmented tentacles extending from its head. It is wearing a dark, high-collared garment.

THE
FIZZIROY
BODY!

A close-up of a clenched fist, showing the texture of the skin and the arrangement of the fingers.

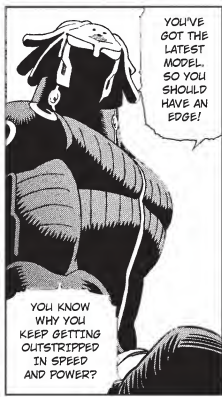
MY BODY'S
THE SAME
AS YOURS...
ONE OF THE
GREATEST
CYBORG UNITS
IN THE
UNIVERSE...

A large, close-up shot of a Fizziroy's face. It has a wide, toothy grin showing sharp teeth. Its eyes are small and dark. It has several thick, segmented tentacles extending from its head. The background is filled with radiating lines, suggesting speed or power.

BECAUSE
I'VE REACHED
SUPERSONIC
SPEED-WHILE
MOTION-
LESS!

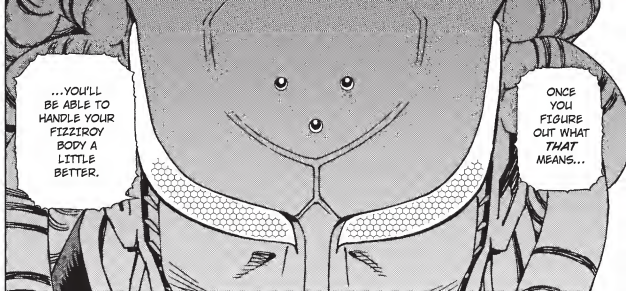
A close-up of a character's face, likely a cyborg. They have a shocked or surprised expression, with wide eyes and an open mouth. They have long, dark hair and are wearing a dark, high-collared garment.

WHAT?!

A close-up of a character's face, likely a cyborg. They have a determined or angry expression, with furrowed brows and a slight frown. They have long, dark hair and are wearing a dark, high-collared garment.

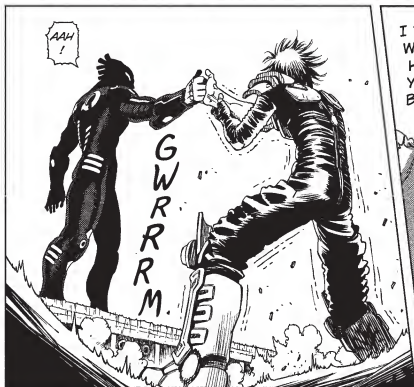
YOU'VE
GOT THE
LATEST
MODEL.
SO YOU
SHOULD
HAVE AN
EDGE!

YOU KNOW
WHY YOU
KEEP GETTING
OUTSTRIPPED
IN SPEED
AND POWER?



...YOU'LL
BE ABLE TO
HANDLE YOUR
FIZZIROY
BODY A
LITTLE
BETTER.

ONCE
YOU
FIGURE
OUT WHAT
THAT
MEANS...



AAH!

GWRRM.

I DON'T
WANNA
HEAR
YOUR
BULL!

SPARE
ME THE
RIDDLE!

KRK
KRK

KRK

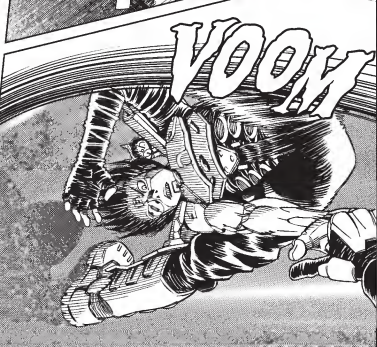
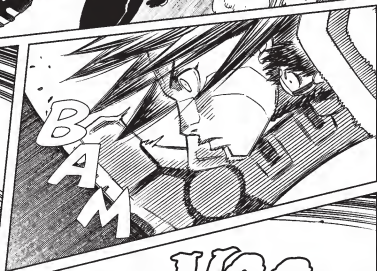
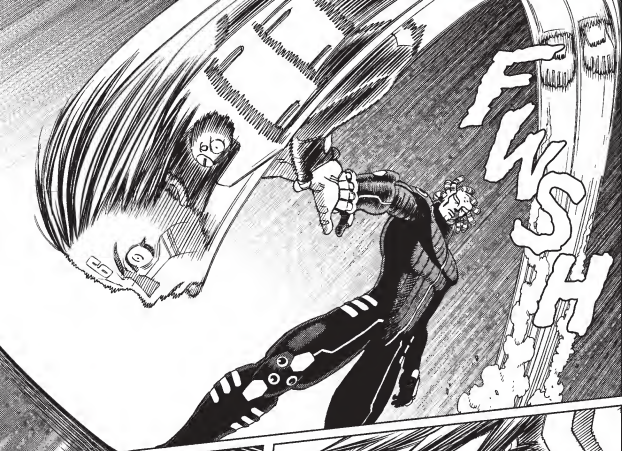


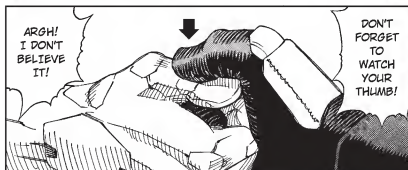
KUNK!!

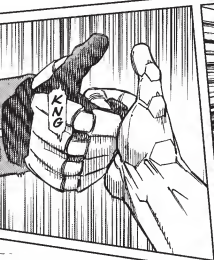
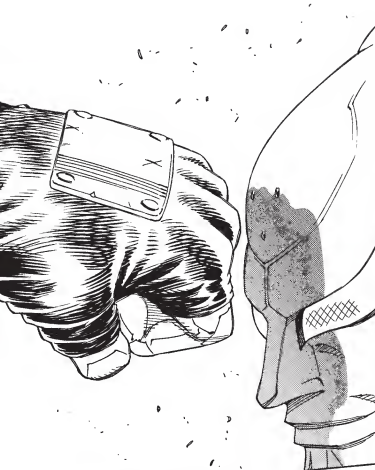
...BUT
YOU'VE
GOT
POWER!

YOU'RE
NOT
CLOSE TO
MAKING
FULL USE
OF YOUR
BODY...

WAAH









BUT WHY ISN'T
SECHS HIT-
TING ZEKKA
WHEN HE'S
NOT EVEN
MOVING OUT
OF THE WAY?

THE
GREAT
SECHS' KICK IS
BREATH-
TAKING UP
CLOSE!



...IT'S LIKE A
FULCRUM!
HE'S USING
IT TO
NEUTRALIZE
MY ATTACK!
SO...

THE GRIP
OF HIS
HAND ON
MINE...



**HERTZA
HAEON,
SECHS-
STYLE!**

**DOPE
FEELS**





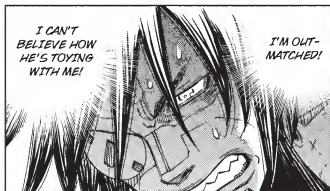
...WITH
ONE ARM!

HE
SENT THE
SHOCKWAVE
BACK...



...NOT
TO FOR-
GET!

I
TOLD
YOU...



I CAN'T
BELIEVE HOW
HE'S TOYING
WITH ME!

I'M OUT-
MATCHED!



...TEN
ONE THOU-
SAND!

I WIN
AGAIN!

KID...

HOW
OLD
ARE
YOU?

YOUR
ENERGY IS
ADMIRABLE,
BUT YOU'LL
NEVER HIT
THE HIGHER
ECHELONS AT
THIS RATE.



TWO
!





YOU'D BE
ABLE TO
PUT UP A
GOOD FIGHT
NOW WITH
THAT OLD
BLINTROLL
WOMAN FROM
ROUND ONE!

IF WHAT YOU
SAY IS TRUE
KID...YOU'RE
GROWING AT
SUPERSONIC
SPEED!



I'LL LET
YOU HAVE
A MATCH
WITH ME
LATER!

TWK

HOW
ABOUT
THIS
...
IF YOU
CAN FORCE
ME TO
GET EVEN
A LITTLE
SERIOUS...



I DON'T
CARE
ABOUT
ANYONE
WITH A
BUST
LESS
THAN A
B-CUP!

ALITA...?
OH, THE
SHRIMP
WHO
SHOWED
UP FOR
A LITTLE
WHILE IN
ROUND ONE?



WITH
ME?

NOT
WITH
ALITA
...



A
DUEL...

AH!



NOW
I
HAVE
TO
TAKE
YOU
ON!

W
O
O
M



BLOWING
OFF
ALITA
WITH
SUCH
DISDAIN
...

DID HE
JUST
SAY
THAT?!

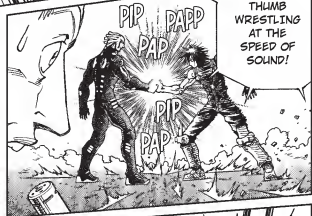


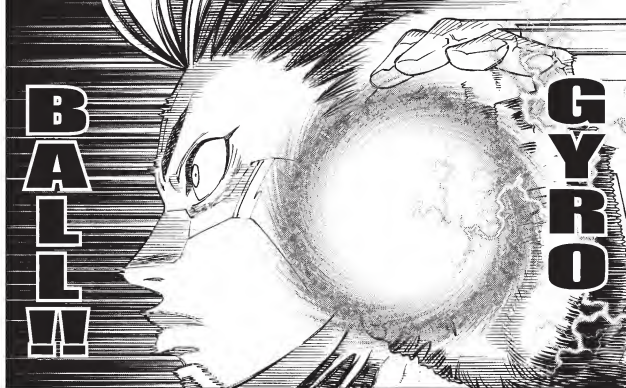
THE
GREATEST
THUMB-
WRESTLING
MATCH IN THE
UNIVERSE,
ROUND
THREE!

Z.O.T.T.
SPECIAL
EPISODE
!

G
W
O
M

W
O
O
M





HE
ATE
IT!

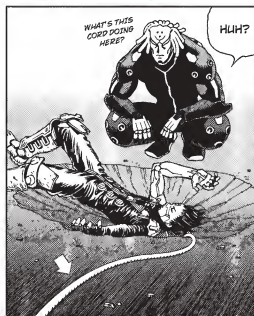
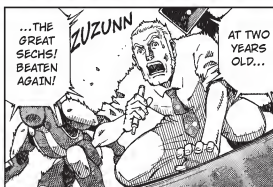
MMM,
PLASMA!
HOW I
LOVE
IT!

HEH
HEH
HEH

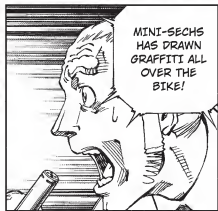
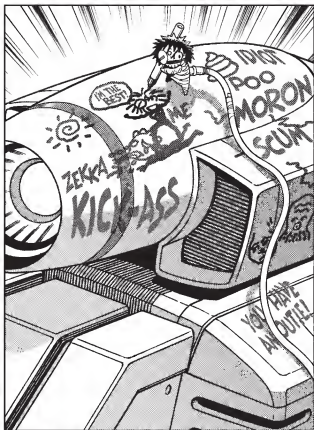
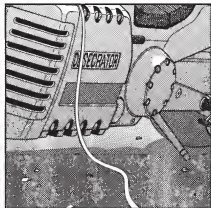
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S
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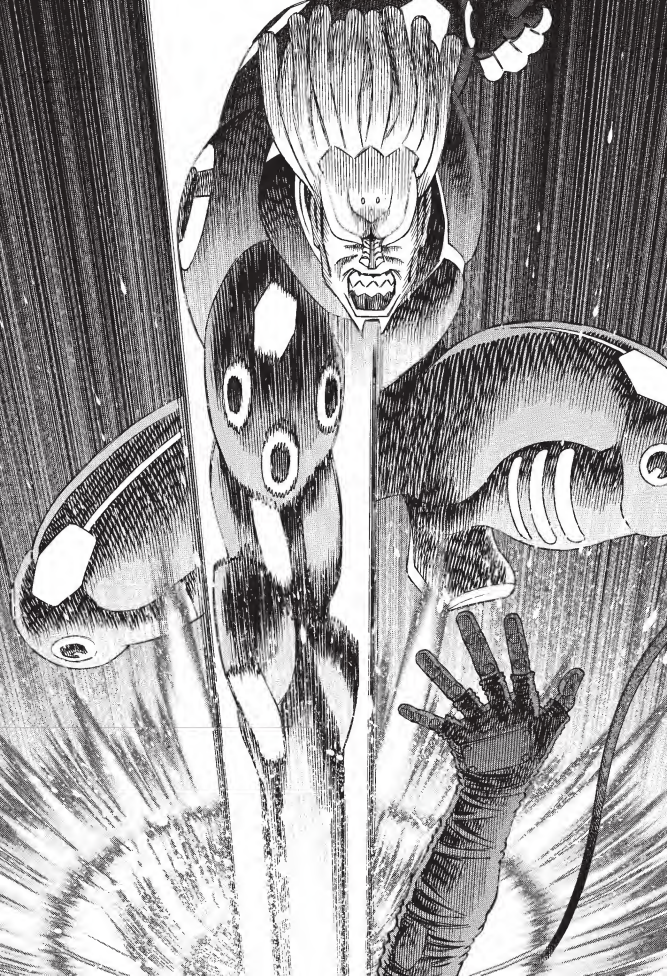
W
R
R
S
H

...NINE
ONE
THOUSAND
...



**YOU
STUPID
BRAT!**







YOU
GOT
ME,
KID!



HA
HA
HA
HA!

HEH...
HEH
HEH.



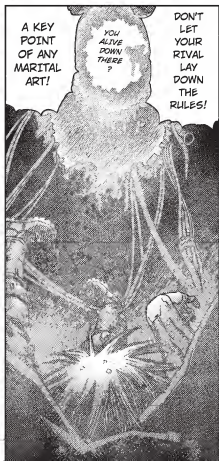
...BEEN
CALLED
'SMART'
...

FIRST
TIME
EVER
I'VE...



YOU'RE
A FULL-
FLEDGED
MAN IN
TERMS OF
COMBAT
SMARTS!

SEE YOU
IN THE
FINALS!



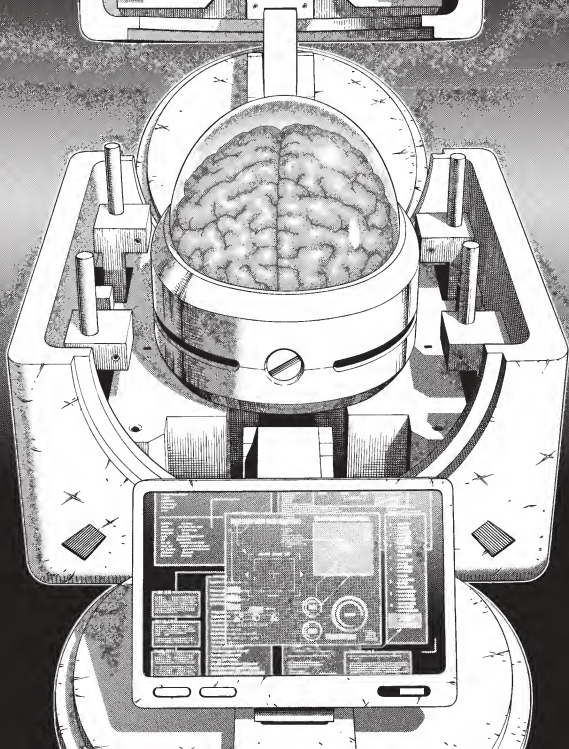
A KEY
POINT
OF ANY
MARITAL
ART!

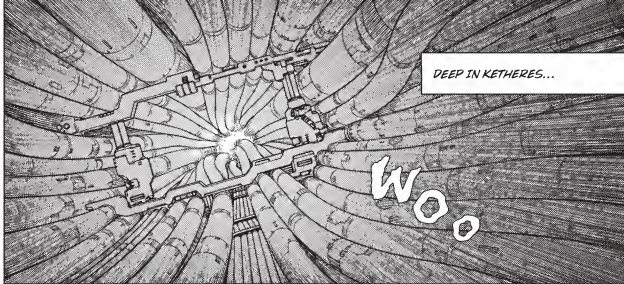
YOU
ALIVE
DOWN
THERE
?

DON'T
LET
YOUR
RIVAL
LAY
DOWN
THE
RULES!



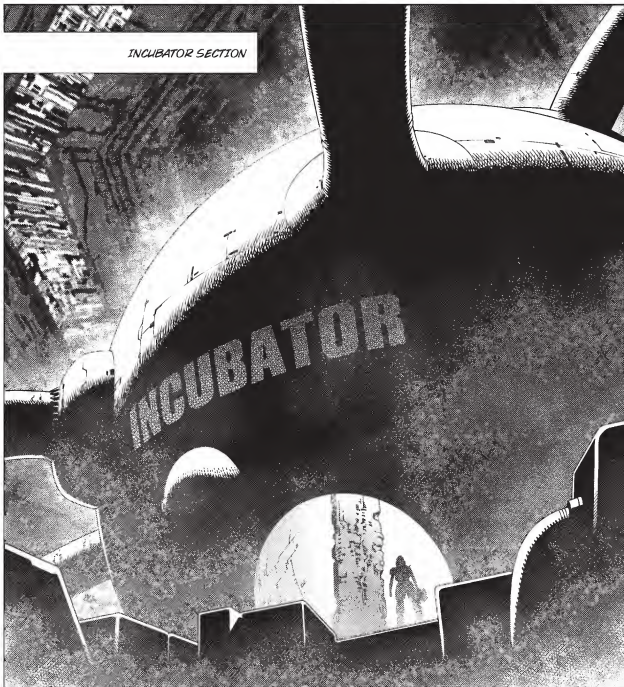
Phase 61:
Unique in the World





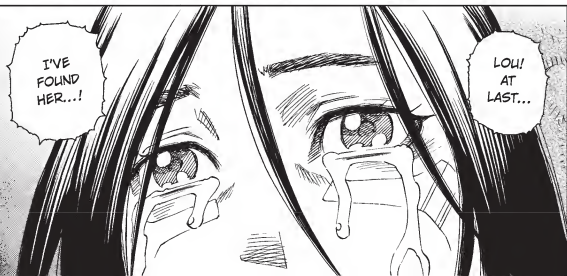
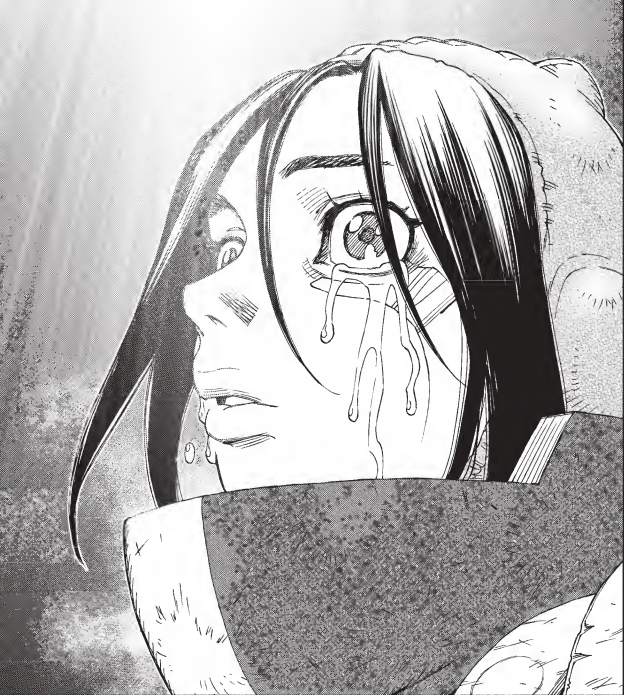
DEEP IN KETHERES...

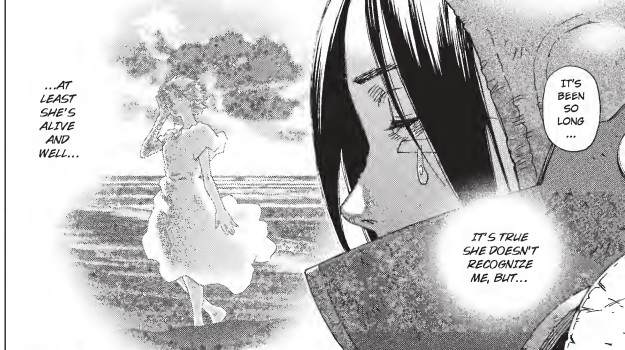
Woo



INCUBATOR SECTION

INCUBATOR





...AT
LEAST
SHE'S
ALIVE
AND
WELL...

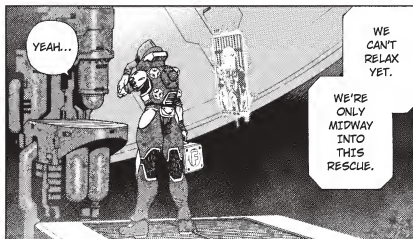
IT'S
BEEN
SO
LONG
...

IT'S TRUE
SHE DOESN'T
RECOGNIZE
ME, BUT...



...AND
THE
BAD
NEWS
IS...

I HAVE
SOME
GOOD
NEWS
AND
SOME
BAD
NEWS...



YEAH...

WE
CAN'T
RELAX
YET.

WE'RE
ONLY
MIDWAY
INTO
THIS
RESCUE.



NO, BUT
HE MIGHT
AS WELL
BE.

IS HE...
DEAD?

HIS
BRAIN'S
FRIED.
IT'S
HOPELESS...



PING WAS
OVER-
COME BY
TRINIDAD!



WE
SHOULD
BE QUITE
GRATEFUL.

HE STALLED
TRINIDAD.
WE MANAGED
TO REACH THE
INCUBATOR
THANKS TO
HIM.



TO BE
HONEST,
I TOOK
HIM FOR
THE TYPE
TO CUT AND
RUN IN A
PINCH...

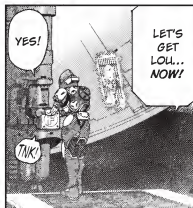
HE WAS A
WARPED
FELLOW...
BUT IN
THE END...
HE TOO,
WAS A
WARRIOR!



?!

**HOLD
IT!**

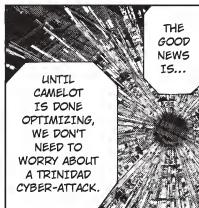
THIS
VOICE
...?



YES!

LET'S
GET
LOU...
NOW!

TNK!



THE
GOOD
NEWS
IS...

UNTIL
CAMELOT
IS DONE
OPTIMIZING,
WE DON'T
NEED TO
WORRY ABOUT
A TRINIDAD
CYBER-ATTACK.

THE
CONTROL
SYSTEM
FOR THE
INCUBATOR
HAS GONE
DOWN!



NOW
WHAT
?!

WHRR---P



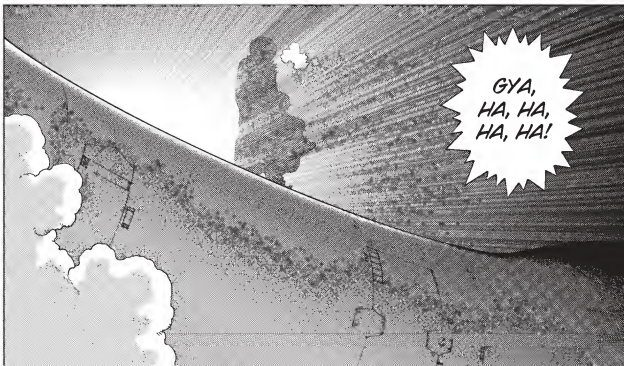
WHO
IS
THAT
?!

TNK

HEH, HEH...
I WILL NOT
ALLOW YOU
TO TOUCH THE
INCUBATOR
WITHOUT
PERMISSION
FROM ME!



GYA,
HA, HA,
HA, HA!



IT
IS
I!



...I
SHALL
CALL MY-
SELF...
"SUPER
NOVA!"

I WENT
UP THE
ORBITAL
ELEVATOR
WITH ALITA
AND WAS
CAPTURED
BY MR.
MBADI...

SINCE
OTHER
VERSIONS
OF ME
HAVE SINCE
COME INTO
EXISTENCE...

ALITA...
YOU'RE
SHOCKINGLY
SLOW TO
CATCH ON.

SO
YOU
ESCAPED
AFTER
ALL?!

WOULD
YOU CARE
TO WORK
FOR ME
AS MY
ASSIS-
TANT?

IT'S A
NEW
DAY...

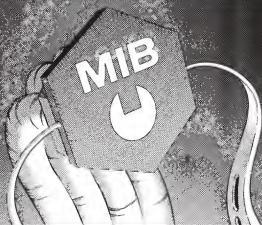
CAN
YOU
HEAR
ME,
PROF.
NOVA?

FOUR DAYS AGO...

BUT YOU
PREFER
ORDER
AND I
STUDY
CHAOS
...

WOULD
YOU NOT
BE OIL
TO MY
WATER?

RESEARCH
UNDER A
PATRON
WITH THE
HIGHEST
AUTHORITY...
NOT A BAD
DEAL!



WOULDN'T
YOU
AGREE?

SOME JOBS
COMPLEMENT
EACH OTHER
PRECISELY
BECAUSE
THEY'RE
POLAR
OPPOSITES.



THE
FINAL
TABOO...
AND YOU
BROKE
IT!

OH,
NO!



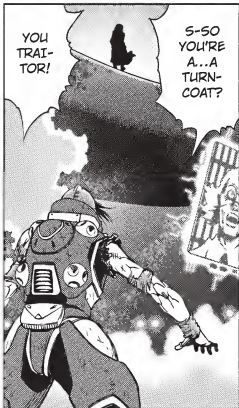
THAT'S
SLANDER,
MY
DEAR!



I ALWAYS PICK
THE SENSIBLE
CHOICE FOR MY
RESEARCH!
GYA, HA, HA!

YOU
TRAI-
TOR!

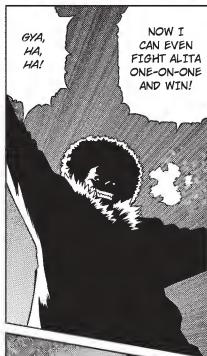
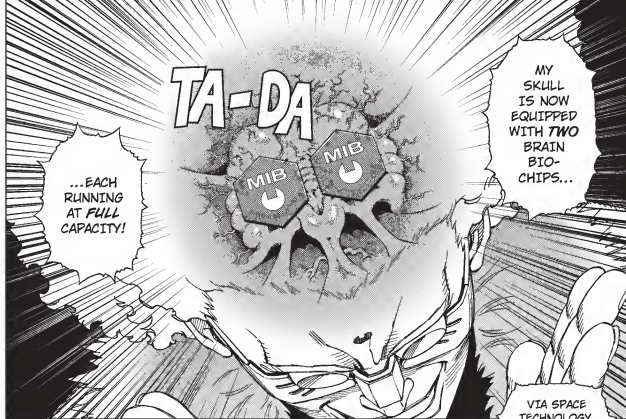
S-SO
YOU'RE
A...A
TURN-
COAT?



HEH,
HEH,
HEH!

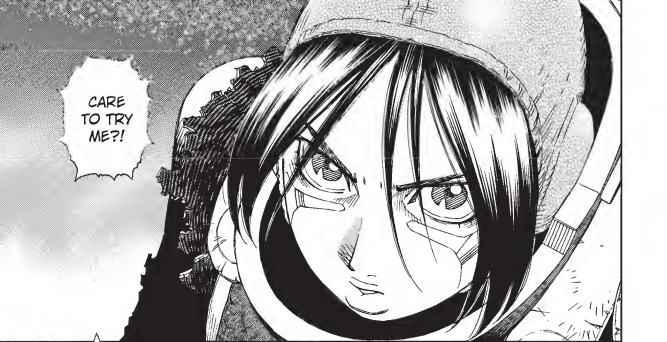
YOU
KNOW
ME
TOO
WELL!





"To cut and separate the deity" –
a heresy!





A close-up of a character with dark hair and a head-mounted device. The character has a serious expression.

CARE
TO TRY
ME?!



A character in a dark suit with arms outstretched, standing in a dark environment.

IF
I WANT,
I CAN
KILL ALL
20,000
BRAINS
INSIDE!

GYA,
HA,
HA!

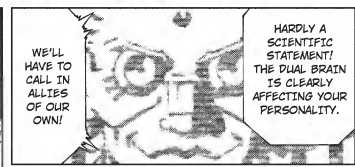
I'D ADVISE
AGAINST IT!
MR. MBADI
GAVE ME
CARTE
BLANCHE
OVER THE
INCUBATOR!



A character in a dark suit looking at a target with concentric circles.

WHAT
?!

THAT'S
WHERE
I COME
IN!



A close-up of a character's face with a serious expression.

WE'LL
HAVE TO
CALL IN
ALLIES
OF OUR
OWN!

HARDLY A
SCIENTIFIC
STATEMENT!
THE DUAL BRAIN
IS CLEARLY
AFFECTING YOUR
PERSONALITY.



A character with a wide, toothy grin and a head-mounted device.

WHO
WOULD
ALLY
THEM-
SELVES
WITH
YOU?

ALLIES?
WITH THE
WEASEL
OUT OF
COMMISS-
ION...



I'M
NOVA X@
TIPHARES.

HELLO
FROM
THE
LAND
OF
FLANI!

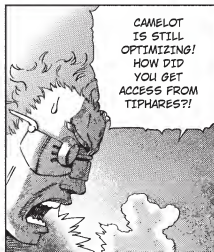
KYA,
HA!

HA!

HA!

HA!

HA!



CAMELOT
IS STILL
OPTIMIZING!
HOW DID
YOU GET
ACCESS FROM
TIPHARES?!



TH-TH-TH-THREE
NOVAS?!
IT'S THE
END OF THE
WORLD!

FLAN
IS
FATE!

THE FATA
MORGANA!
I USED IT
TO SECURE
A DIRECT
CHANNEL
WITH
TIPHARES.

AFTER
CONSULTING
WITH PORTABLE
NOVA JUST A FEW
MINUTES AGO,
I'VE DECIDED TO
SUPPORT ALITA!

...I'LL
GIVE
YOU
SOME
VITAL
DATA
POINTS!

THREE
AGAINST
ONE.

FINE!
THEN TO
CHANGE
THE
MOOD
A BIT...

HIS
PLAN WOULD
LIQUIDATE
TIPHARES AND
THE SURFACE,
WHICH
HAVE BEEN
OFF-LIMITS*
FOR YEARS
NOW...

MR. MBADI IS
PREPARING TO
PRESENT AN
AGENDA ITEM IN
THE 1366TH LADDER
ASSEMBLY TO BE
HELD IMMEDIATELY
AFTER THE Z.O.T.T.!

*Off-limits: The manufacture of antimatter, an interstellar fuel, was one cause of the terraforming wars. Tiphares was built as an interstellar ship simulator and consequently, contact was postponed to avoid arousing the distrust of other countries.

A dramatic black and white comic book illustration. A massive, stylized skull with a wide, toothy grin dominates the center of the frame. It appears to be part of a larger structure, possibly a spaceship or a planet's surface. In the upper right, a figure in a spacesuit is climbing a vertical ledge, holding a large, futuristic weapon. Several smaller figures are also visible on the ledge below. In the lower left, a long, cylindrical object, possibly a rocket or a piece of debris, is shown in motion. The background is filled with a bright, starburst-like light emanating from the top left, creating a sense of intense energy or a major event. The overall style is reminiscent of classic comic book art, with bold lines and a high-contrast, dramatic lighting.

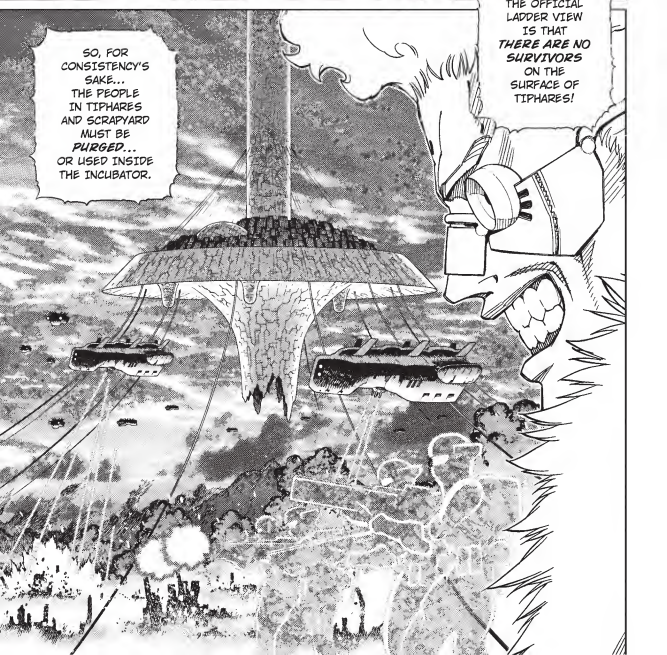
**THE
TIPHARES
REDEVELOPMENT
BILL!**

SURFACE
SUPPRESSION
SQUADS ARE
STANDING BY ON
BOARD THE NEW
ORDER FLEET
ASSEMBLED IN
ORBIT TO
PROVIDE
SECURITY FOR
THE Z.O.T.T.!



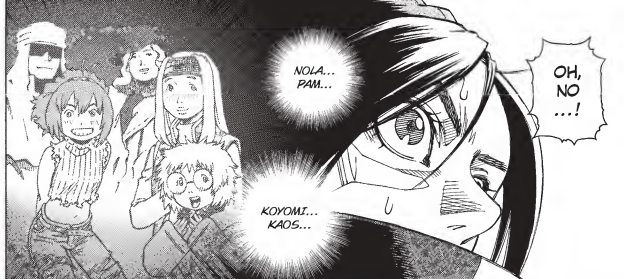
...SURFACE
SUPPRESS-
ION
SQUADS?

WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN...



SO, FOR
CONSISTENCY'S
SAKE...
THE PEOPLE
IN TIPHARES
AND SCRAPYARD
MUST BE
PURGED...
OR USED INSIDE
THE INCUBATOR.

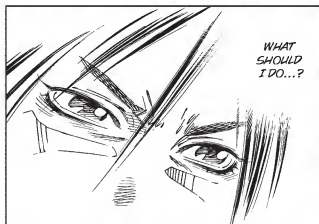
THE OFFICIAL
LADDER VIEW
IS THAT
**THERE ARE NO
SURVIVORS
ON THE
SURFACE OF
TIPHARES!**



NOLA...
PAM...

OH,
NO
...!

KYOUMI...
KAOS...



WHAT
SHOULD
I DO...?



SUCH A
SIMPLE
WAY
TO GET
AROUND
THIS
PROBLEM!

WHAT'S
THERE
TO CON-
SIDER?



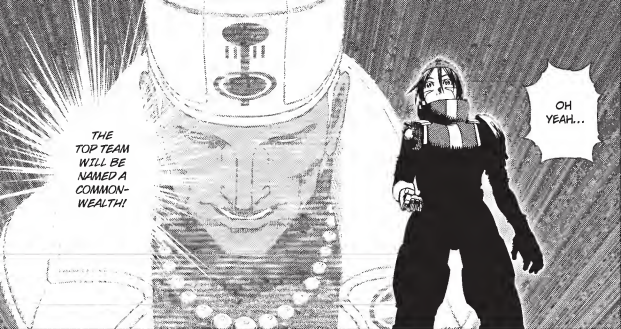
THAT'S
WHY I'M
HERE TO
HELP!

YES! I
EXPECT
GREAT
THINGS
FROM
YOUR
TEAM.



EVEN IF I
MANAGE TO
RESCUE
LOW...

...SHE WON'T
HAVE A HOME
TO GO BACK
TO!



THE
TOP TEAM
WILL BE
NAMED A
COMMON-
WEALTH!

OH
YEAH...



INDEPENDENCE
FOR TIPHARES
AND THE
SURFACE!

FOR
THAT
I WILL
WIN THE
Z.O.T.T.!

...WHAT
I'VE BEEN
SEEKING...
SOMETHING
MORE THAN
BECOMING
STRONG...

I FEEL
LIKE
I CAN
FINALLY
SEE...

HOW MANY
SACRIFICES
DO YOU THINK
I'VE MADE TO
RESCUE LOU?
HOW MUCH
SUFFERING
HAVE I
ENDURED?!



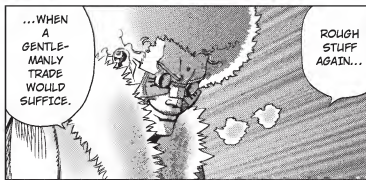
...I'LL
PUNCH
YOU
OUT
AND
TAKE
LOU!

IF YOU
GET IN
MY WAY
I'LL DO
WHAT
I'M BEST
AT...

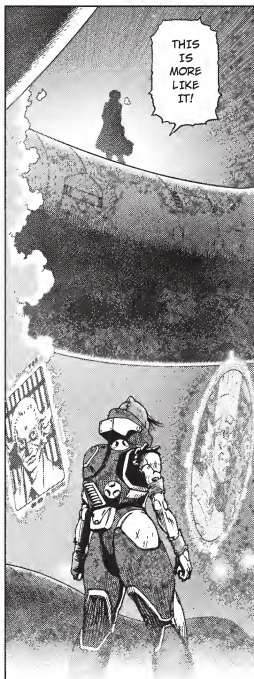


...WHEN
A
GENTLE-
MANLY
TRADE
WOULD
SUFFICE.

ROUGH
STUFF
AGAIN...



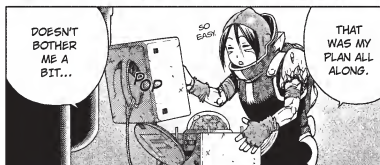
THIS
IS
MORE
LIKE
IT!





LOU'S
BRAIN...
WILL YOU
SWAP FOR
IT?!

WHAT I
WANT IS
THE BRAIN
INSIDE THE
F-BOX!



DOESN'T
BOTHER
ME A
BIT...

SO
EASY.

THAT
WAS MY
PLAN ALL
ALONG.



WHAT
?!



...SO I'LL
TELL YOU!



WHOSE
BRAIN
IS IN
THE
F-BOX
?!

?!



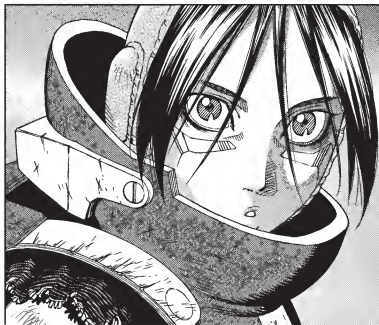
SO
THAT
WAS
YOUR
PLAN!

OH
NO!



IT WON'T
BE A FAIR
TRADE IF
I HOLD MY
TONGUE...

YES,
WHOSE
BRAIN
INDEED...
GYA, HA,
HA!



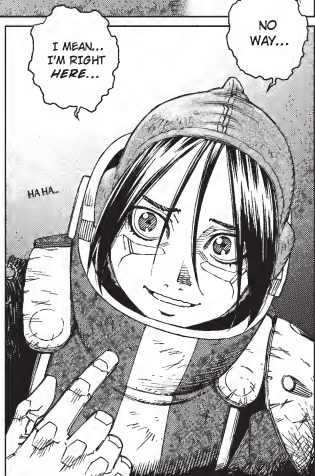


WHAT?



YES - THE
BIO-CHIP
IN YOUR
SKULL IS!

JUST LIKE
ME AND
THE AR-
SERIES!



I MEAN...
I'M RIGHT
HERE...

NO
WAY...

HAHA...



WHETHER
THE BRAIN IS
ORGANIC OR A
BIO-CHIP...

I SAW
WHAT'S
IN YOUR
SKULL,
ALITA.

...
IT'S A
LIE...

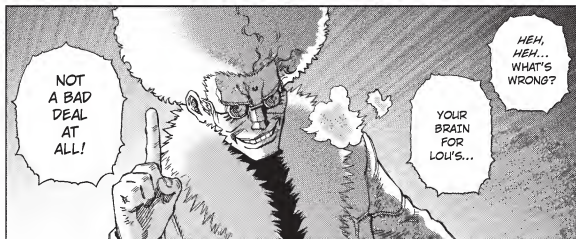
NO...
IT...

THIS F-BOX
CONTAINS
THE MOST
PRECIOUS
SUBSTANCE
IN THE
WORLD!

JUST A
REPLICA...

THOUGHT
YOU
WERE A
ROBO-
CAT...

YOU'RE
BUILT
A LITTLE
DIFFERENTLY
FROM THE
OTHER
ANDROIDS.



NOT
A BAD
DEAL
AT
ALL!

HEH,
HEH...
WHAT'S
WRONG?

YOUR
BRAIN
FOR
LOU'S...



I SEE...
I HAD A
HUNCH,
BUT...

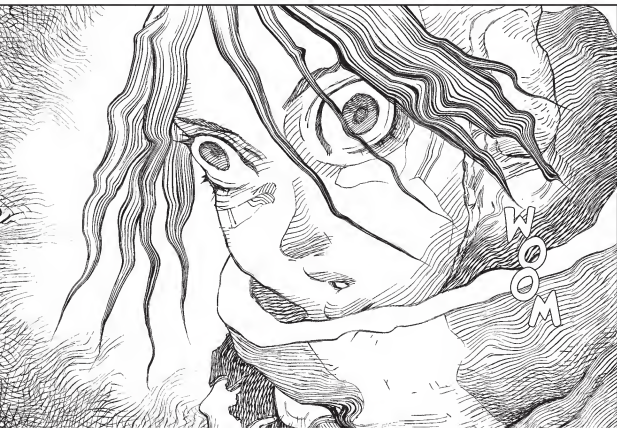


...THEN
MADE SOME
"ADJUST-
MENTS"
BEFORE
ALITA
AWAKENED.

ON A
WHIM!

KYA
HA

WHAT
SUPER
NOVA SAYS
IS TRUE.
I REVIVED
AFTER MR.
ROSCOE
KILLED
ME...



W
O
O
M





CAUGHT
BETWEEN
THE
DEVIL...

KYA HA HA HA

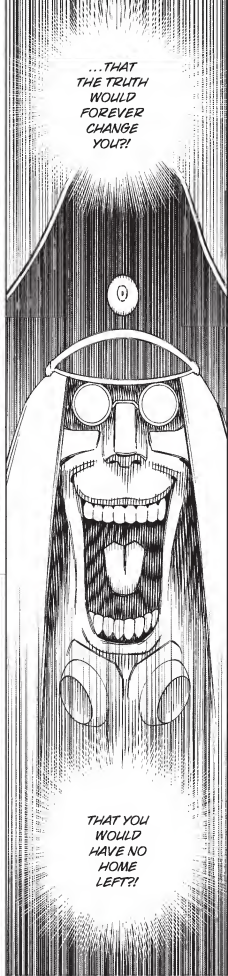
AHH!

...AND
THE
DEEP
BLUE
SEA!

HEE HEE HEE HEE

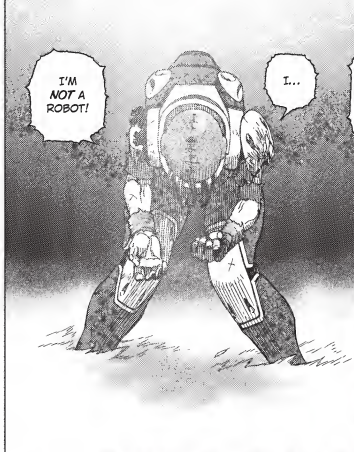


URGH!



...THAT
THE TRUTH
WOULD
FOREVER
CHANGE
YOU?!

THAT YOU
WOULD
HAVE NO
HOME
LEFT?!



I'M
NOT A
ROBOT!

I...

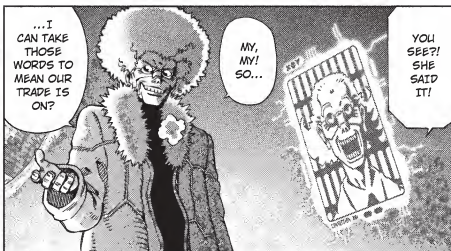
THIS TWISTED
FEELING IN
MY GUT... AN
IMITATION?

NO!
IT
MUST
BE
REAL...



...I AM
HUMAN!

EVEN IF
MY BRAIN
IS A BIO-
CHIP... AND
MY BODY
IS A
MACHINE...



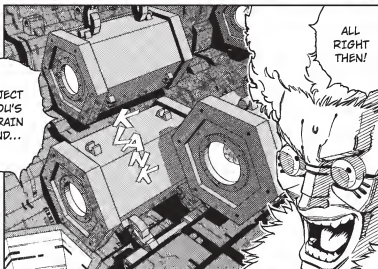
...I
CAN TAKE
THOSE
WORDS TO
MEAN OUR
TRADE IS
ON?

MY,
MY!
SO...

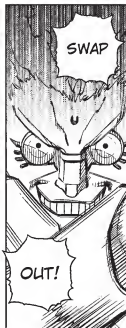
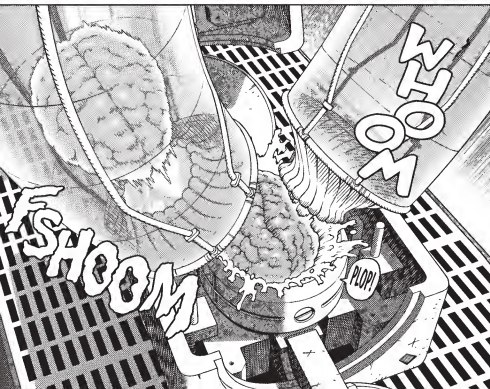
YOU
SEE?!
SHE
SAID
IT!



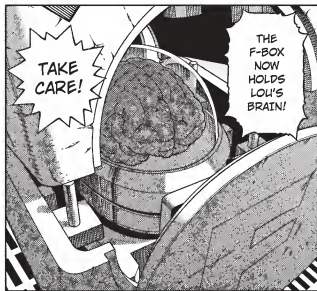
EJECT
LOU'S
BRAIN
AND...



ALL
RIGHT
THEN!

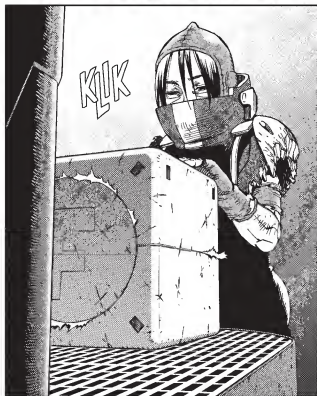


OUT!

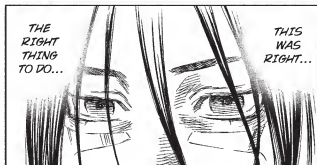


TAKE CARE!

THE F-BOX NOW HOLDS LOU'S BRAIN!



KLIK



THE RIGHT THING TO DO...

THIS WAS RIGHT...



GYA, HA, HA, HA, HA!

ALITA'S BRAIN - UNIQUE IN ALL THE WORLD!

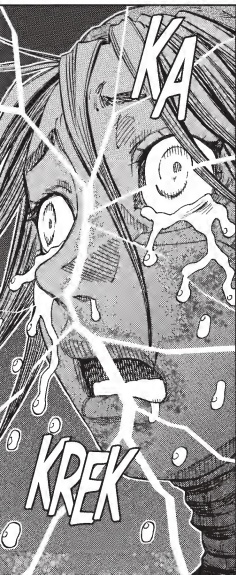
I AM HONORED... TO ACCEPT IT!



WOULD
YOU GIVE UP
SO EASILY THE
ONLY FLESH
AND BLOOD
YOU HAVE?!

SELF-
DECEPTION...
SOPHISTRY...
WHITWASH...

Z
M
M



KA

KREK



THAT'S
A BOND!



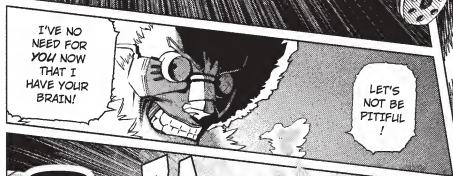
...WITH
EVERYONE
YOU LOVE!

THE LAST
COMMON
THREAD...



GIVE ME
BACK MY
BRAIN!

NO!
GIVE
IT
BACK
!



I'VE NO
NEED FOR
YOU NOW
THAT I
HAVE YOUR
BRAIN!

LET'S
NOT BE
PITIFUL
!



SECA!!

ZA

ZAP

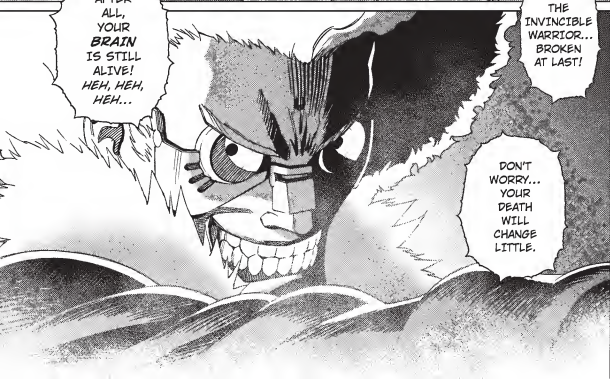
OH,
NO!

YOU HAVE
TO DODGE
NOVA X'S
BLOCK!



AFTER
ALL,
YOUR
BRAIN
IS STILL
ALIVE!
HEH, HEH,
HEH...

THE
INVINCIBLE
WARRIOR...
BROKEN
AT LAST!



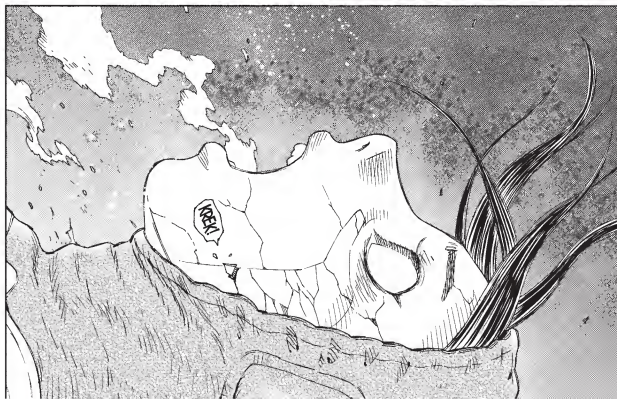
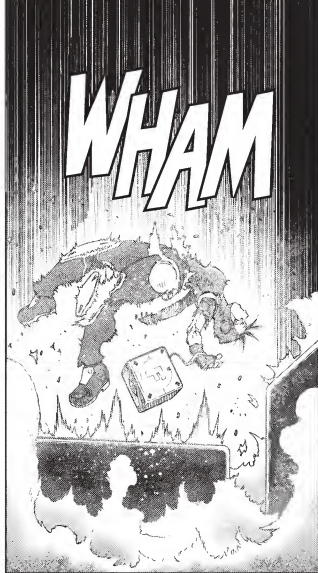
DON'T
WORRY...
YOUR
DEATH
WILL
CHANGE
LITTLE.

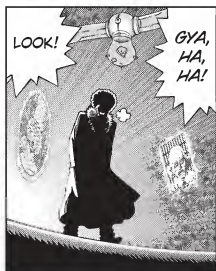
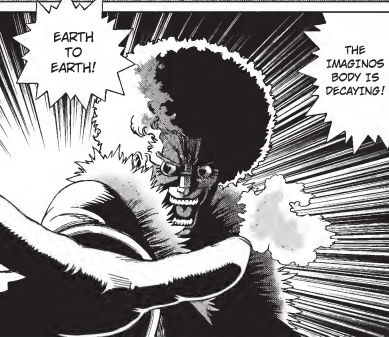
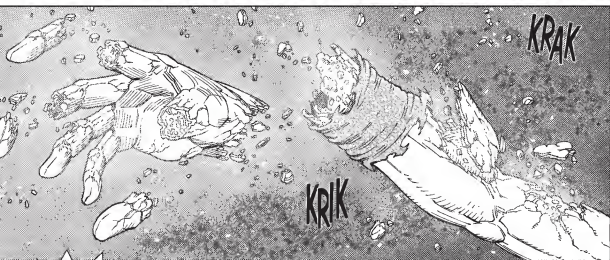


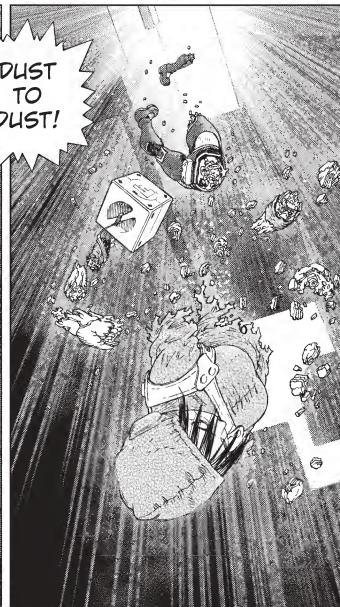
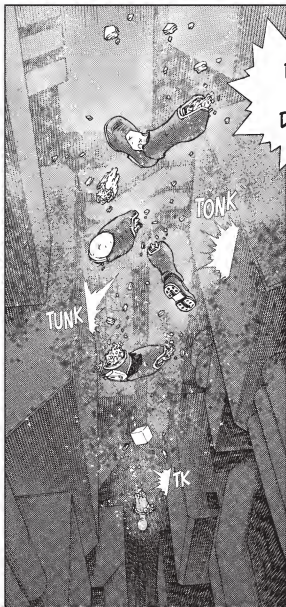
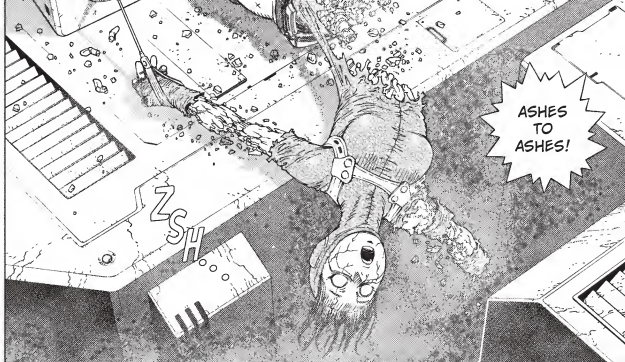


Phase 62:

Darkness of Absolute Zero









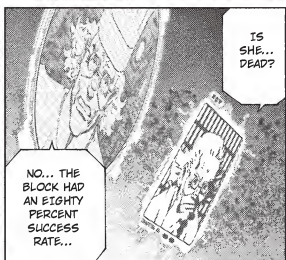
NOW
DIDN'T
THAT
FEEL
GOOD?

MY,
MY,
MY!



WITH
HER
EGO
SHATTERED,
THERE'S NO
CHANCE OF
RESURREC-
TION!

AND THAT
PHENOM-
ENON IS
SYNCHED TO
THE DIS-
MANTLING
OF THE
SELF-CON-
SCIOUS!



IS
SHE...
DEAD?

NO... THE
BLOCK HAD
AN EIGHTY
PERCENT
SUCCESS
RATE...



...WAS
ENOUGH
TO DISIN-
TEGRATE
ALITA'S
IMAGINOS
BODY!

YOU SAW
IT! JUST
ONE FIFTH
OF THE
POWER...



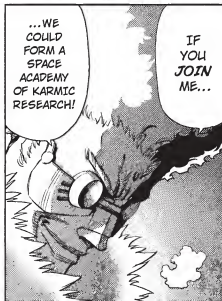
IF
THAT'S
THE
CASE...

WE MUST
CONDUCT
KARMIC
STUDIES,
EACH FROM
HIS OWN
VANTAGE
POINT.

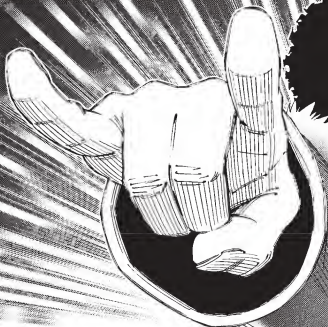
WE'VE
ALREADY
GONE
OUR OWN
WAYS.

...WE
COULD
FORM A
SPACE
ACADEMY
OF KARMIC
RESEARCH!

IF
YOU
JOIN
ME...



SECA



DEUM





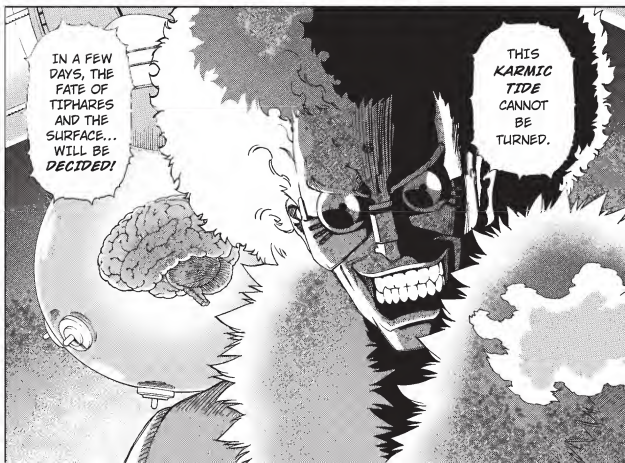
NOT
THAT IT
MATTERS.

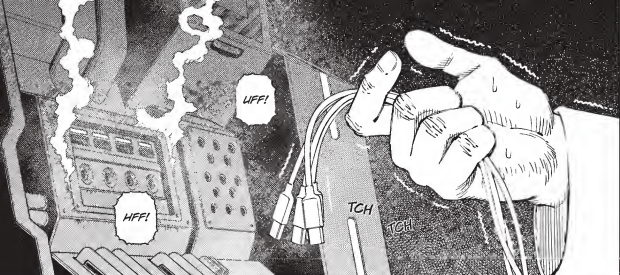
THE
NOVA
FROM
TIPHARES
GAVE ME
THE SLIP.



IN A FEW
DAYS, THE
FATE OF
TIPHARES
AND THE
SURFACE...
WILL BE
DECIDED!

THIS
KARMIC
TIDE
CANNOT
BE
TURNED.





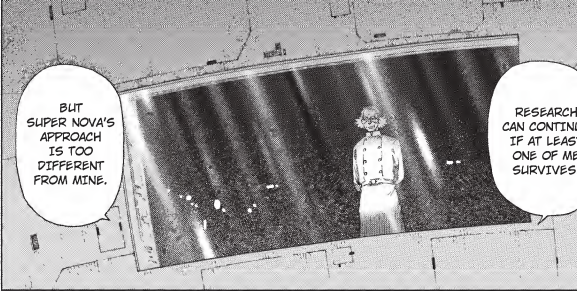
I DIDN'T
EXPECT
ALITA
TO BE
BEATEN
SO
EASILY...

BUT
THIS IS
QUITE
A FIX
WE'RE
IN!

IGNORING HOW HE'S
PARTLY TO BLAME.

FL-FLAN
IS FOR
SURVIVAL!

I NEVER
REALIZED
HOW
THRILLING
IT WOULD
BE TO HAVE
ME AS AN
ENEMY...

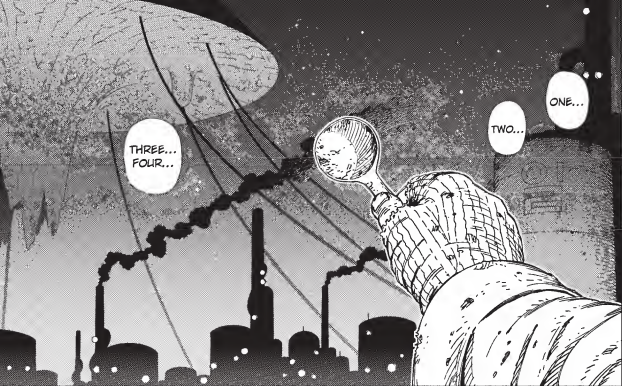


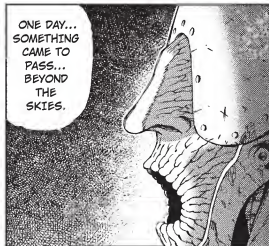
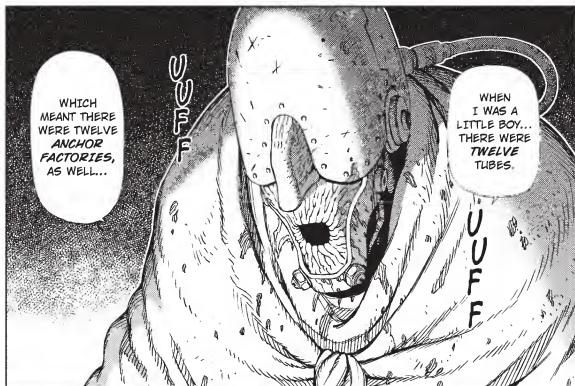
BUT
SUPER NOVA'S
APPROACH
IS TOO
DIFFERENT
FROM MINE.

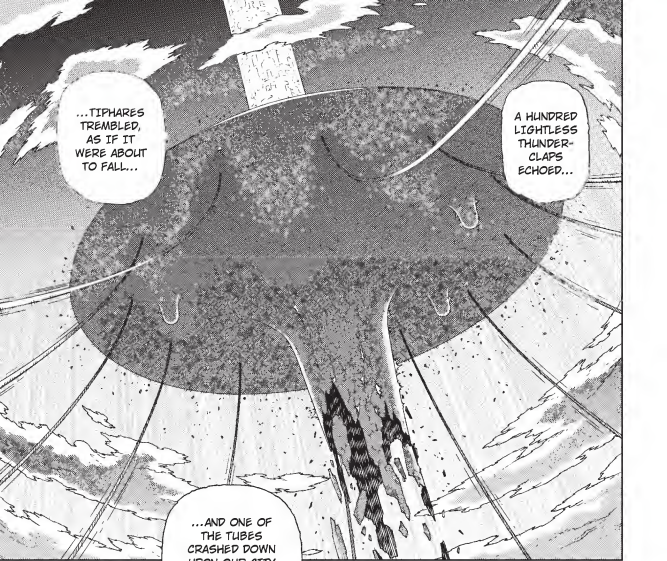
RESEARCH
CAN CONTINUE
IF AT LEAST
ONE OF ME
SURVIVES.



THIS MAY
SOON BE
THE LAST
OF MY
BELOVED
CHAOTIC
WORLD...





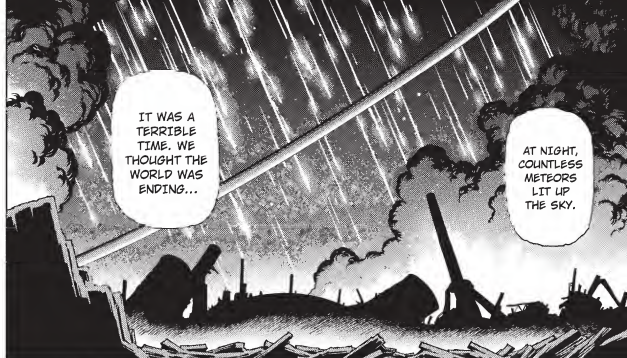


...TIPHARES
TREMBLED,
AS IF IT
WERE ABOUT
TO FALL...

A HUNDRED
LIGHTLESS
THUNDER-
CLAPS
ECHOED...

...AND ONE OF
THE TUBES
CRASHED DOWN
UPON OUR CITY
LIKE AN
EXHAUSTED
SERPENT...





IT WAS A
TERRIBLE
TIME. WE
THOUGHT THE
WORLD WAS
ENDING...

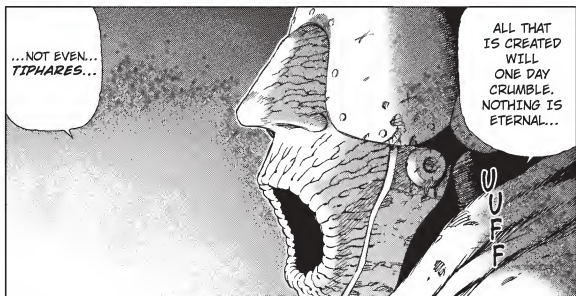
AT NIGHT,
COUNTLESS
METEORS
LIT UP
THE SKY.



LOOK
AT YOUR
FEET...

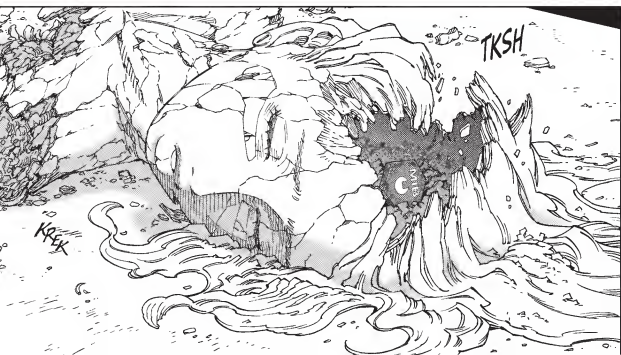
IT'S
NO TALL
TALE!

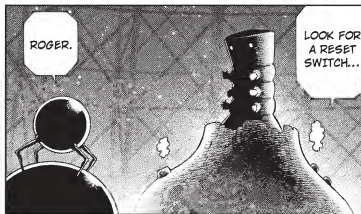
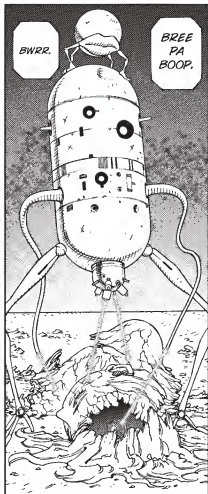
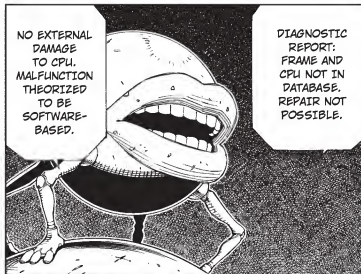
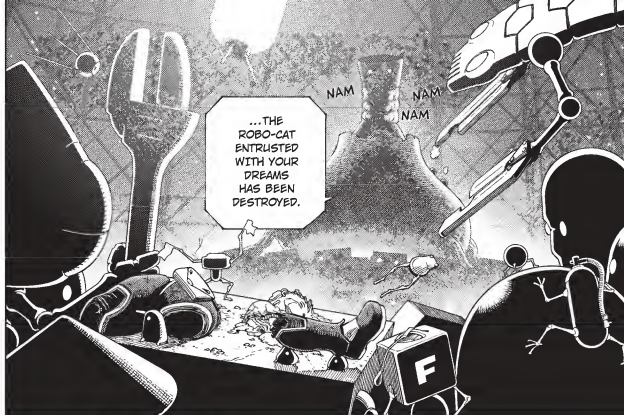
G-GREAT
GRANDPA
WITH HIS
TALL TALES
AGAIN!

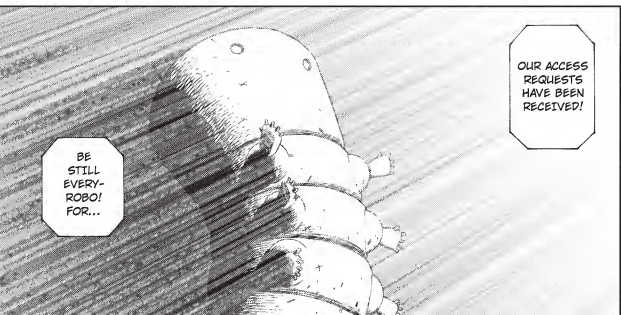
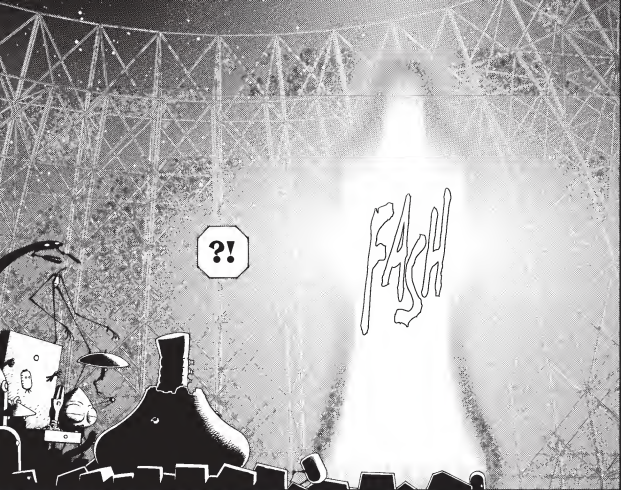


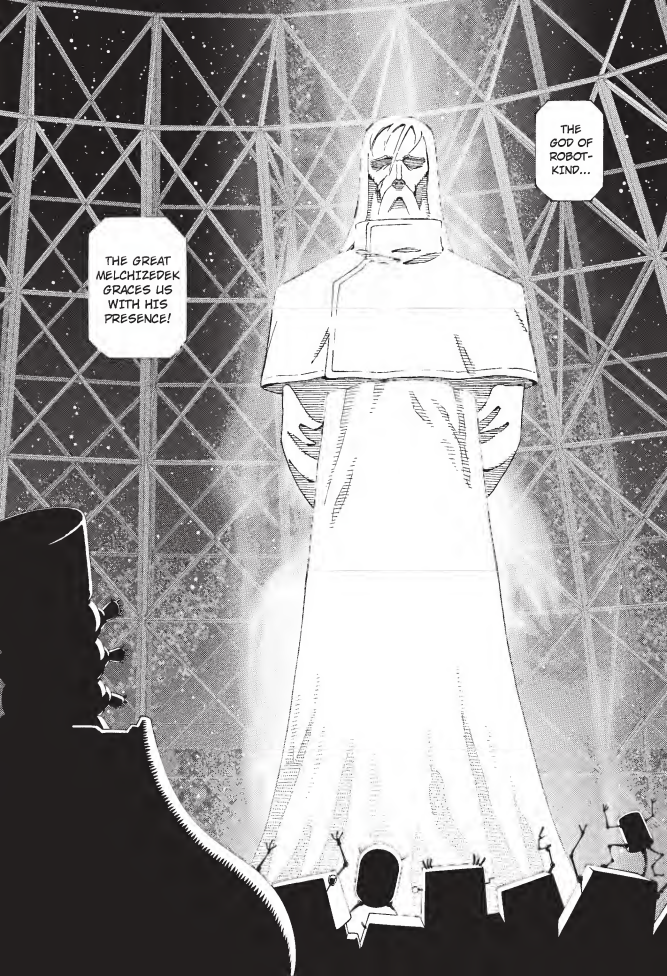






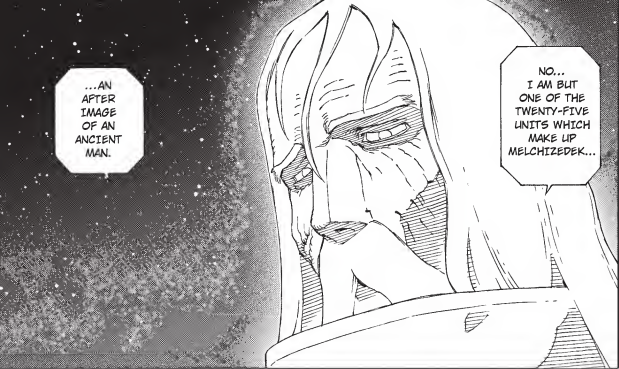






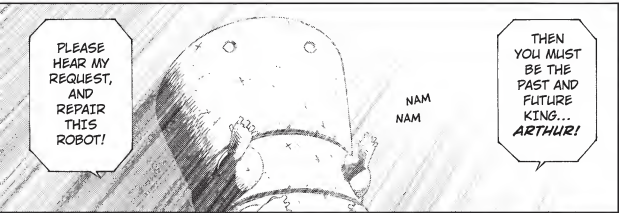
THE GREAT
MELCHIZEDEK
GRACES US
WITH HIS
PRESENCE!

THE
GOD OF
ROBOT-
KIND...



...AN
AFTER
IMAGE
OF AN
ANCIENT
MAN.

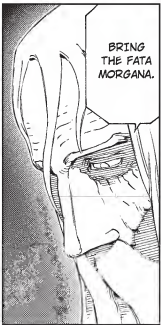
NO...
I AM BUT
ONE OF THE
TWENTY-FIVE
UNITS WHICH
MAKE UP
MELCHIZEDEK...



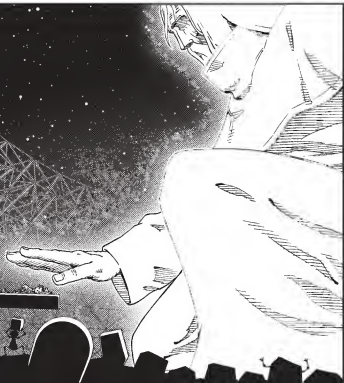
PLEASE
HEAR MY
REQUEST,
AND
REPAIR
THIS
ROBOT!

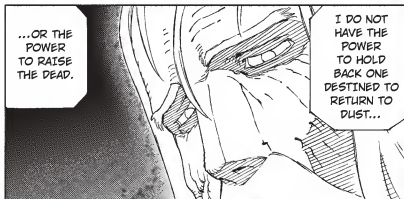
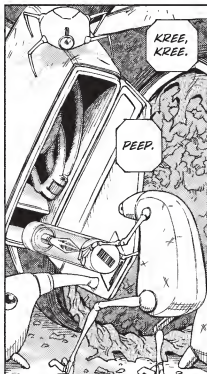
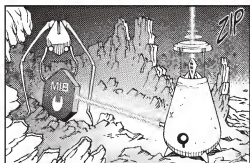
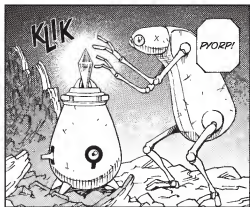
NAM
NAM

THEN
YOU MUST
BE THE
PAST AND
FUTURE
KING...
ARTHUR!



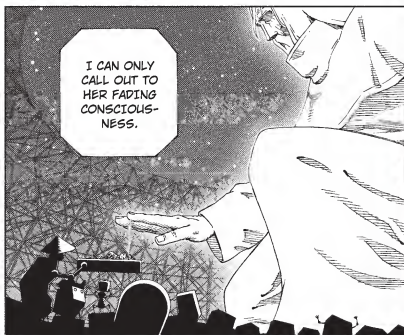
BRING
THE FATA
MORGANA.



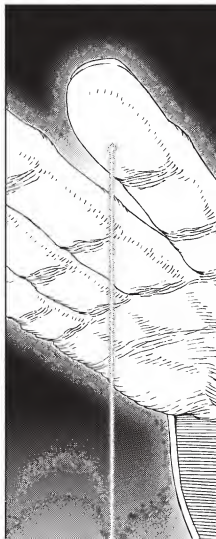


...OR THE
POWER
TO RAISE
THE DEAD.

I DO NOT
HAVE THE
POWER
TO HOLD
BACK ONE
DESTINED TO
RETURN TO
DUST...



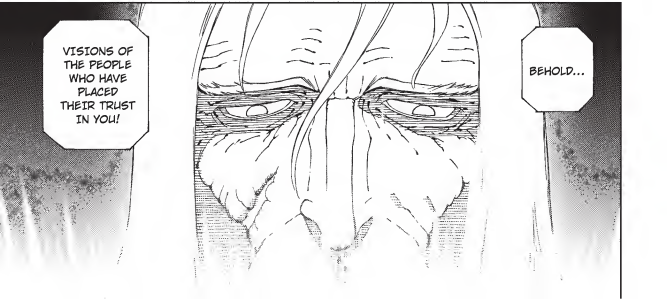
I CAN ONLY
CALL OUT TO
HER FADING
CONSCIOUS-
NESS.





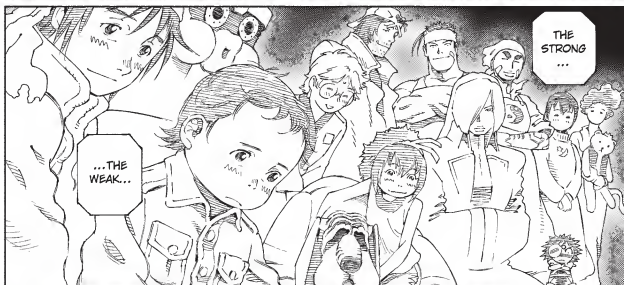
...THIS
BATTLE
YOU WAGE
IS NOT
ONLY
YOURS.

FATED
TRAVELER,
THOUGH YOU
WANDER THE
WASTELAND
ALONE...



VISIONS OF
THE PEOPLE
WHO HAVE
PLACED
THEIR TRUST
IN YOU!

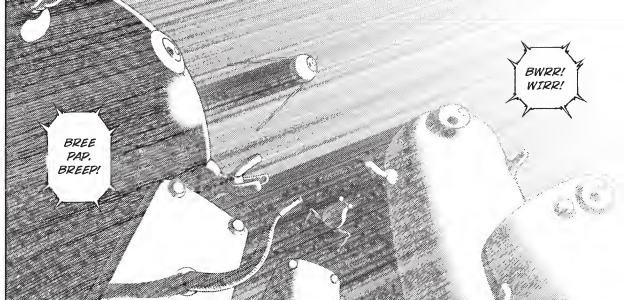
BEHOLD...





YOUR
BATTLE
IS ALSO
THEIR
BATTLE.

THOUGH THE FLESH
MAY PERISH AND
THE SPIRIT FADE,
THE MOLECULAR
VIBRATION
THEIR LIVES
EMITTED WILL
REVERBERATE
ACROSS THE
UNIVERSE
FOREVER.



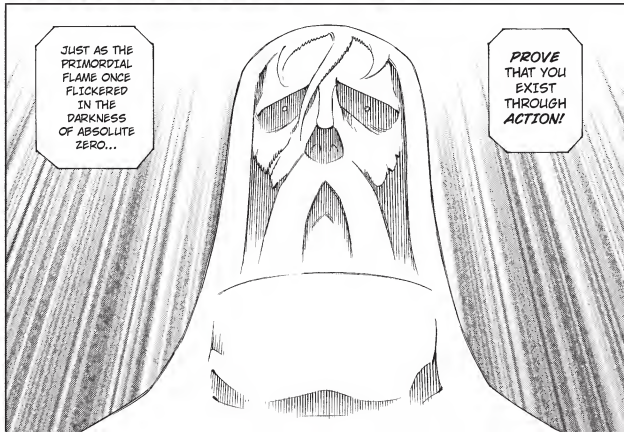
**BREE
PAP,
BREEP!**

**BWRR!
WTRR!**



**...OF A
HUMAN
BEING!**

**I HAVE A NEW
DEFINITION...**



**JUST AS THE
PRIMORDIAL
FLAME ONCE
FLICKERED
IN THE
DARKNESS
OF ABSOLUTE
ZERO...**

**PROVE
THAT YOU
EXIST
THROUGH
ACTION!**



**...YOU
MUST
LIVE
ONCE
MORE!**

PAPCOM





PHASE 63:
The Meaning of Indomitable





IT'S NOT
LIKE I DID IT
FOR YOU.
WE HAD...

STOP
THAT—YA
CREEP
ME OUT.

KOKO



EVEN
I'LL
DRINK TO
THAT!

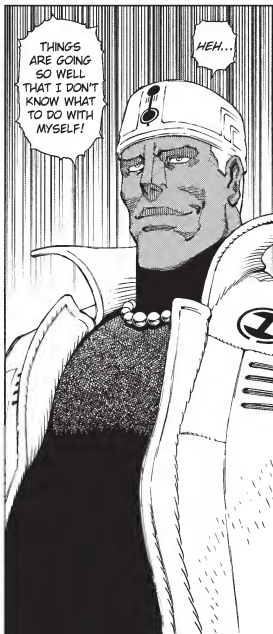
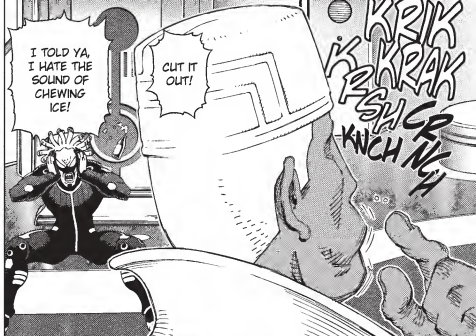
NO, YOU
REMOVED A
MAJOR SOURCE
OF CONCERN
FOR THE
BENEFIT OF
UNIVERSAL
PUBLIC
SAFETY.

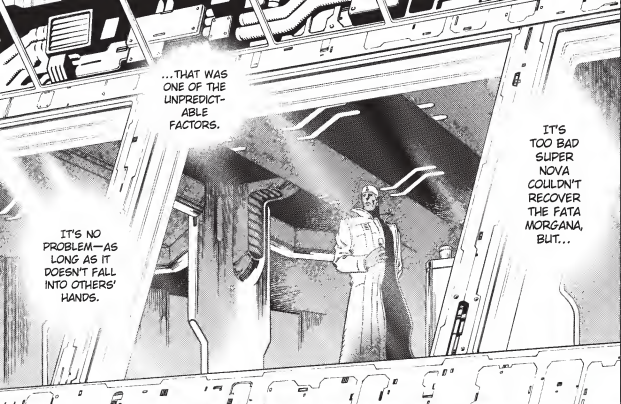


HELL
OF A
STUPID
END,
THOUGH...
DAMN
IT ALL!

glug
gug

...AN OLD
SCORE TO
SETTLE.





...THAT WAS
ONE OF THE
UNPREDICT-
ABLE
FACTORS.

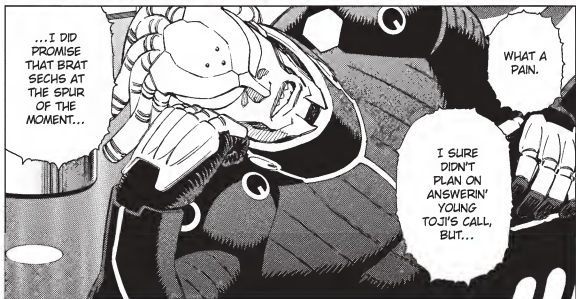
IT'S NO
PROBLEM—AS
LONG AS IT
DOESN'T FALL
INTO OTHERS'
HANDS.

IT'S
TOO BAD
SUPER
NOVA
COULDN'T
RECOVER
THE FATA
MORGANA,
BUT...



WE FILLED
OUT THE
REQUIRED
FORMS FOR
YOU.

ALMOST
TIME FOR
BLOCK B'S
THIRD ROUND
SHOWDOWN...



...I DID
PROMISE
THAT BRAT
SECHS AT
THE SPIR
OF THE
MOMENT...

WHAT A
PAIN.

I SURE
DIDN'T
PLAN ON
ANSWERIN'
YOUNG
TOJI'S CALL,
BUT...



THE TENTH
Z.O.T.T.
BLOCK B
QUARTER-
FINALS!

SPACE
KARATE
FORCES VS.
ANOMALY!

**Im
m
b**

BLOCK B IS
FULL OF
MONSTERS
WITH AN
AVERAGE
HEIGHT OF
TWELVE
METERS...

THIS ONE'S
THE BIGGEST
MONSTER OF
THEM ALL!
IT HAS
DEVoured
COUNTLESS
ADVERSARIES!

ITS ORIGINS
SHROUDED IN
MYSTERY, THIS
IS THE LIBIDO
BEAST,
ANOMALY!

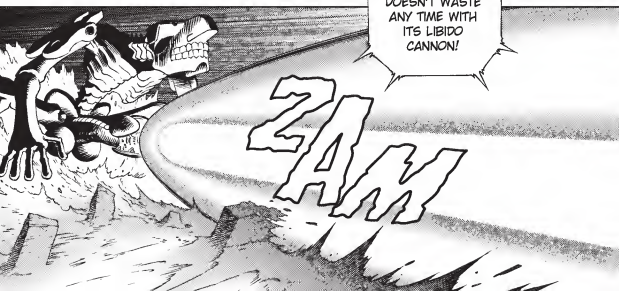
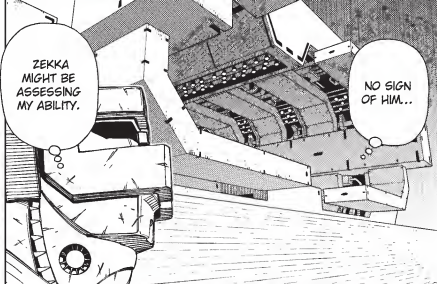
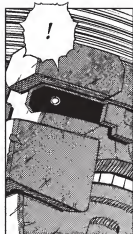
**Kr
esh**

WILL THE
GREAT
KARATEKA
ZEKKA JOIN
THE FRAY?!

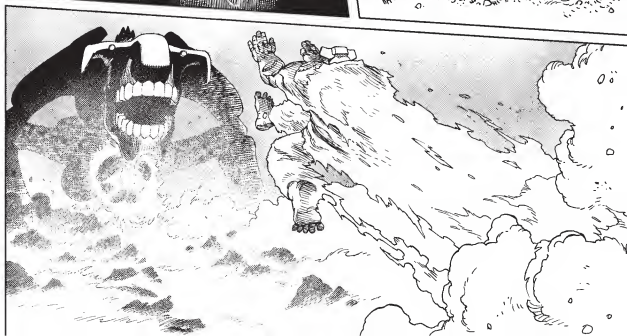
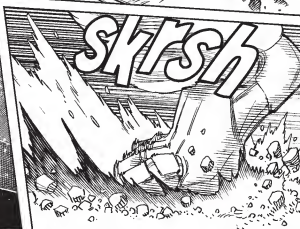
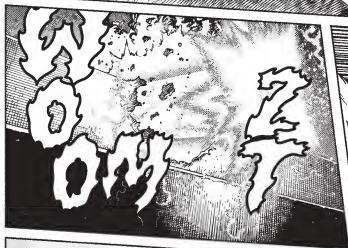
...VS. TOJI,
MASTER OF
ELECTRO-
MAGNETIC
KARATE!

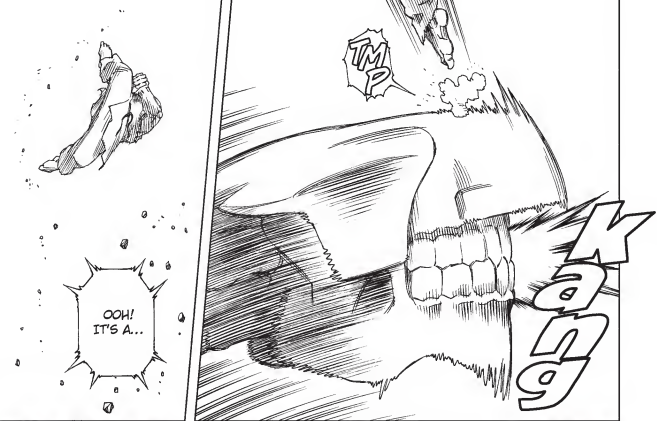
WILL HE BE
ABLE TO
BREAK THE
JINX ON
KARATEKA,
PREVENTING
THEM FROM
EVER GETTING
PAST THE
THIRD
ROUND?!

超電磁



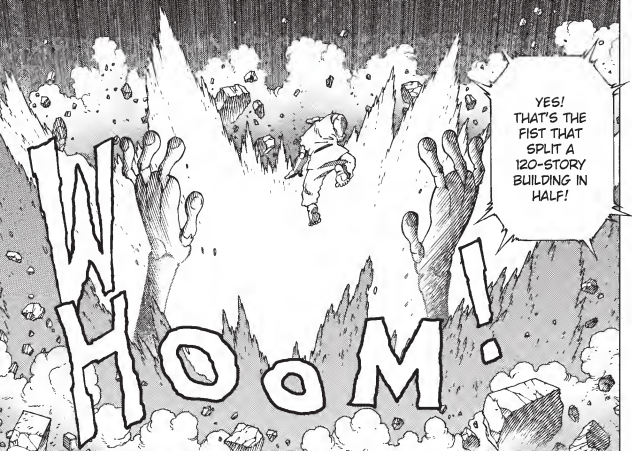
AND IT'S
TOJI, WITH AN
ELECTRO-
MAGNETIC
ROUNDHOUSE
BLOCK!





**PUNCH
DOWN!**

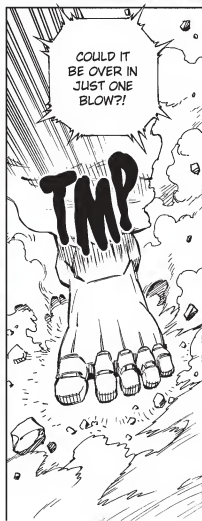




YES!
THAT'S THE
FIST THAT
SPLIT A
120-STORY
BUILDING IN
HALF!



THAT'LL
SHOW
HIM...



COULD IT
BE OVER IN
JUST ONE
BLOW?!

TMP

THEY SAY HIS
KARATE GOES
BEYOND
NEWTONIAN
MECHANICS AND
IS ON THE LEVEL
OF THE THEORY
OF RELATIVITY...

I CAN'T WASTE
MY TIME HERE
NOW THAT
ZEKKA—MY
FOUNDING
MASTER'S
ARCHIVAL—HAS
ARRIVED.



...AND
FORM THE
KARATEKA
PARADISE
OF OUR
DREAMS!

WE'LL
TAKE
DOWN
ALITA IN
THE
FINALS...

FOR
KARATEKAS,
AND BY
KARATEKAS...
"PLANET
KARATE!"

I HAVE NO
IDEA WHAT
THAT
MEANS...

...BUT OUR
TEAM IS A
ROCK NOW!

ZSH





*Nova, who escaped during his tenure at Tipharex University, long called himself Professor. * Super Nova was given an honorary doctorate from Orbital University on Kothares.

ALITA...
IS
DEAD?!

CAN'T
BE...



THE
INDOMIT-
ABLE
WARRIOR?
THAT'S A
LAUGH!

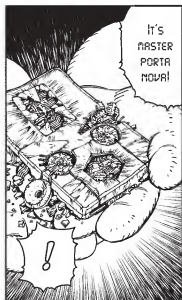
GYA HA HA

CAN'T
ELABORATE,
SINCE MR.
MBADI WILL
CHASTISE
ME...

...BUT SHE
TOTALLY DIED A
DISGRACEFUL
BLUBBERING
DEATH.



It's
FASTER
PORTA
MOUR!



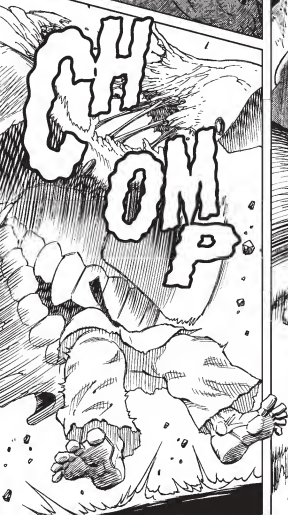
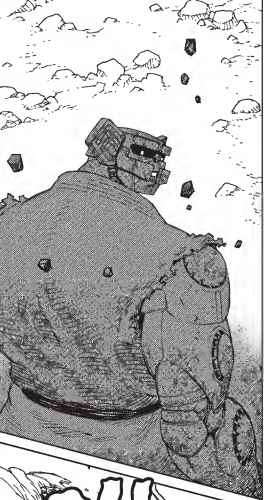
FASTER
SECKS!



WHAT A
LOAD OF
HOGWASH!



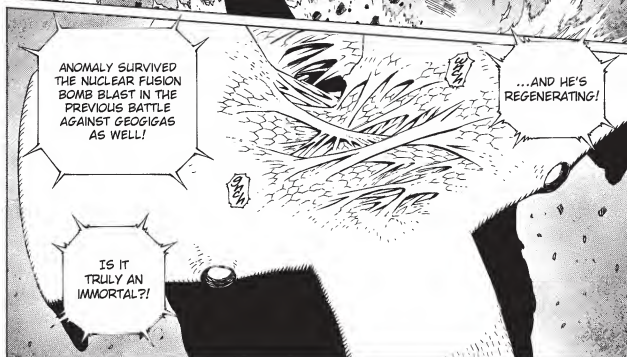
HE'S A
KNOCKOFF!





ANOMALY,
ITS HEAD
CRUSHED, IS
STILL ALIVE...

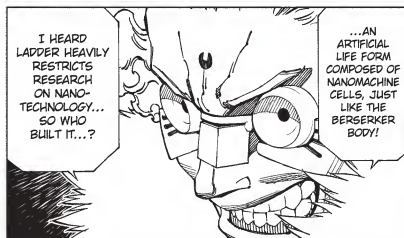
WHOA!



ANOMALY SURVIVED
THE NUCLEAR FUSION
BOMB BLAST IN THE
PREVIOUS BATTLE
AGAINST GEOGIGAS
AS WELL!

...AND HE'S
REGENERATING!

IS IT
TRULY AN
IMMORTAL?!



I HEARD
LADDER HEAVILY
RESTRICTS
RESEARCH
ON NANO-
TECHNOLOGY...
SO WHO
BUILT IT...?

...AN
ARTIFICIAL
LIFE FORM
COMPOSED OF
NANOMACHINE
CELLS, JUST
LIKE THE
BERSERKER
BODY!



ONLY
ONE
THING IT
CAN BE...

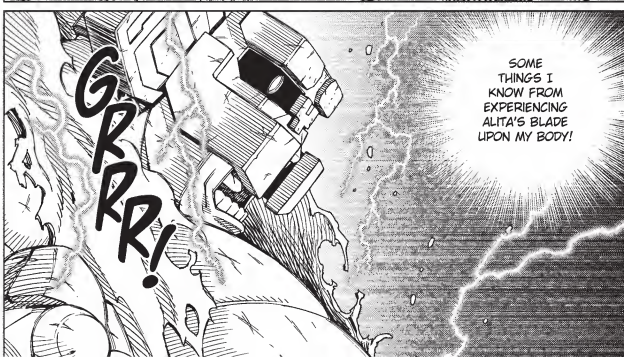
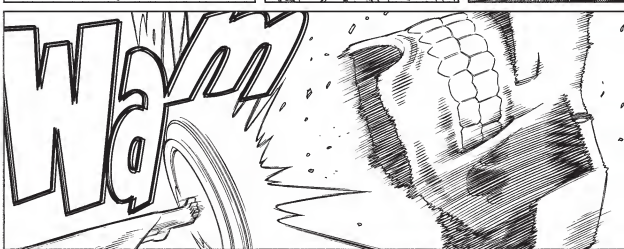
HMM...

LINH...
ALITA...

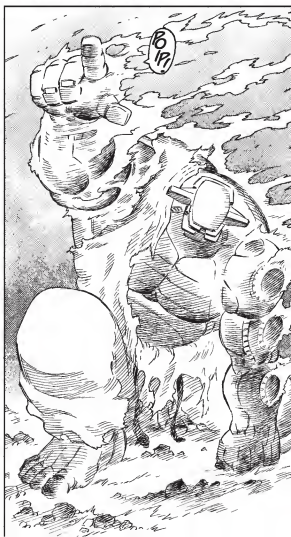
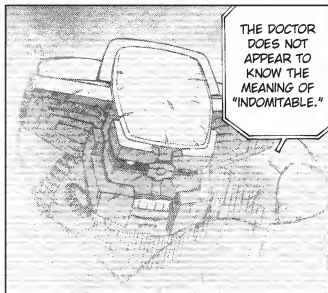
krnch
krnch
krnch

DID TOJI
TAKE SOME
SERIOUS
DAMAGE?!
HE'S SLOW
TO REACT!



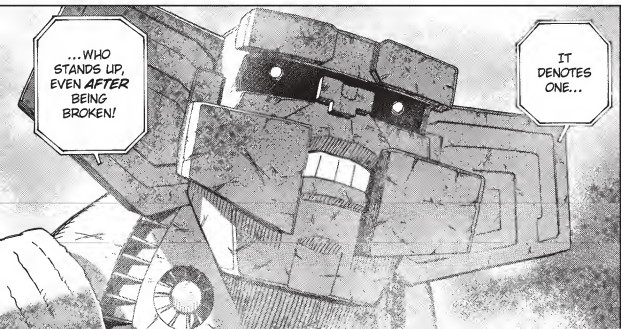






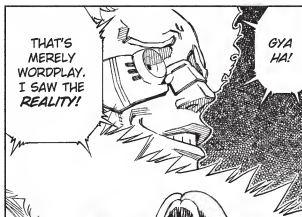


"INDOMITABLE"
DOESN'T MEAN
NEVER HAVING
BEEN BROKEN!

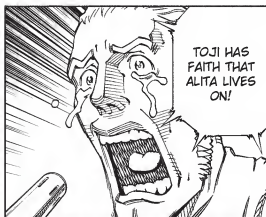


...WHO
STANDS UP,
EVEN AFTER
BEING
BROKEN!

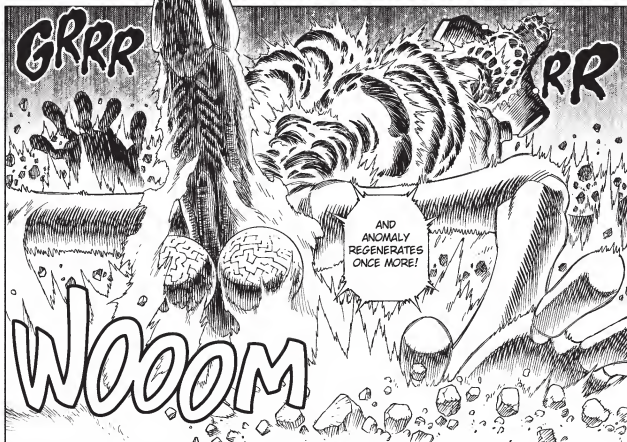
IT
DENOTES
ONE...



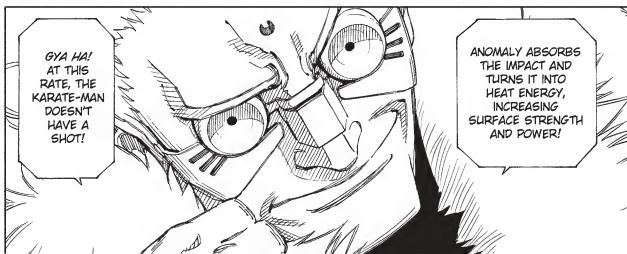
GYA
HA!



TOJI HAS
FAITH THAT
ALTA LIVES
ON!



AND
ANOMALY
REGENERATES
ONCE MORE!



GYA HA!
AT THIS
RATE, THE
KARATE-MAN
DOESN'T
HAVE A
SHOT!

ANOMALY ABSORBS
THE IMPACT AND
TURNS IT INTO
HEAT ENERGY,
INCREASING
SURFACE STRENGTH
AND POWER!



YOU MUST BE
FIGHTING A
BATTLE EVEN
NOW, OUT OF
OUR SIGHT.

ALITA...

WmWmWmWm

WmWmWmWm

...AND
YET...

YOU MAY BE
UP AGAINST
A WALL...



WE
WILL
COME
FACE
TO
FACE...

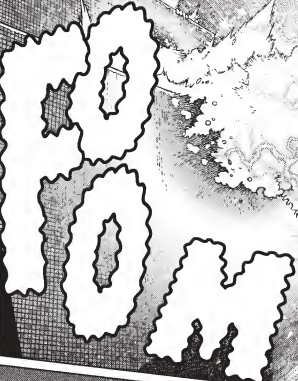
...WHERE WE
VOWED TO
MEET...IN
THE FINALS!







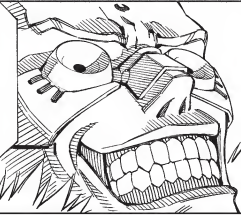
ANOMALY
EJACULA—I
MEAN, *FIRES* ITS
LIBIDO CANNON AT
POINT-BLANK
RANGE!



TOJI IS
THROWN TO
THE OPPOSITE
SIDE OF THE
FIELD BY THE
RECOIL!



W
H
U
D!



THE MAD
DESIGN OF THE
CREATURE...
WHY, IT'S A
SPITEFUL
CARICATURE—A
SLAP IN THE
FACE TO MANKIND!

I CAN
FEEL ITS
CREATOR'S
EXQUISITE
HATRED IN
EVERY MOVE!

geh
geh
geh

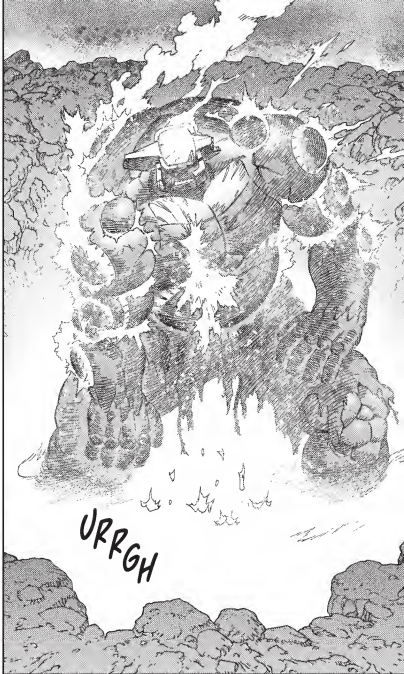
PRIDE!
GREED!
COMBAT
ABILITY!

AND ALL OF
US—POWERLESS
AGAINST THIS
FREUDIAN
NIGHTMARE?!

HAVE WE NO
CHOICE BUT
TO ACCEPT ITS
DICK—UH,
DICTATES?!

IF I FALL
HERE...

...THEN
SO WILL
ALITA.

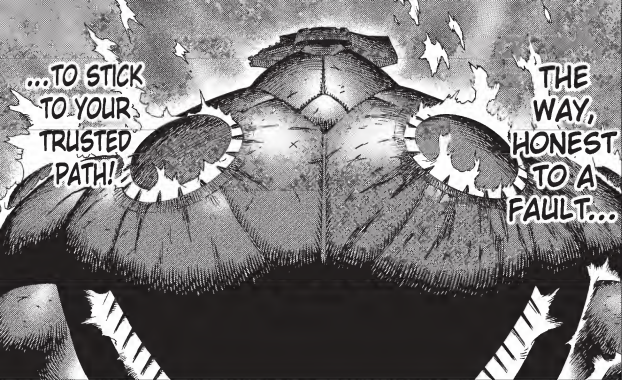


URRGH

TO EXPRESS
ITS ESSENCE
IN ONE
WORD...

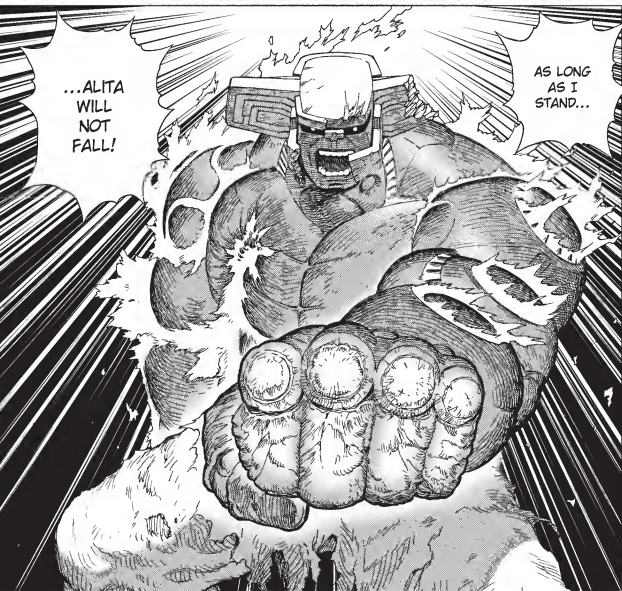
FOLLY!

WHEN "JI," AN
OKINAWAN MARTIAL
ART, MIXED WITH A
SOUTHERN CHINESE
FORM, IT BECAME
KARATE, OR "CHINESE
HAND." TAKEN TO
MAINLAND JAPAN IN
THE EARLY 20TH
CENTURY, IT EVOLVED
INTO **KARATEDO**, "THE
WAY OF THE EMPTY
HAND."



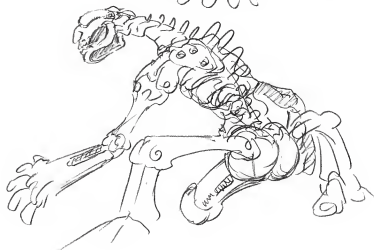
...TO STICK
TO YOUR
TRUSTED
PATH!

THE
WAY,
HONEST
TO A
FAULT...



...ALITA
WILL
NOT
FALL!

AS LONG
AS I
STAND...



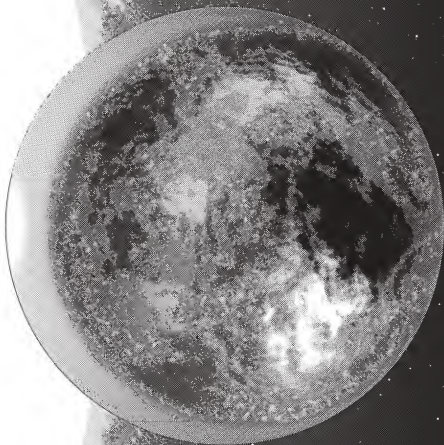
Innermost planet in the solar system

Mercurius

Radius at equator: 2440 km

Rotation period: 58.65 Earth days

Revolution period: 87.97 Earth days

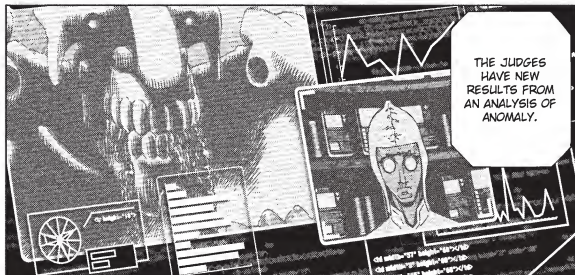


Venusian Republic once manned an observatory and research lab here. Entire surface became gray goo* in ES 469 due to runaway nanomachines created by a Dr. Vares from Tiphares. Plans to disassemble the nano-goo put on hold due to high costs. Planet now off-limits to humans.

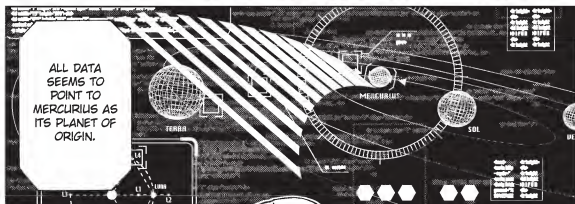
*Gray goo: A mass of self-replicating, out-of-control nanomachines. See BAA: LO Omnibus Vol. 1.



Phase 64: It'll Cost Ya!



THE JUDGES
HAVE NEW
RESULTS FROM
AN ANALYSIS OF
ANOMALY.



ALL DATA
SEEMS TO
POINT TO
MERCURIUS AS
ITS PLANET OF
ORIGIN.

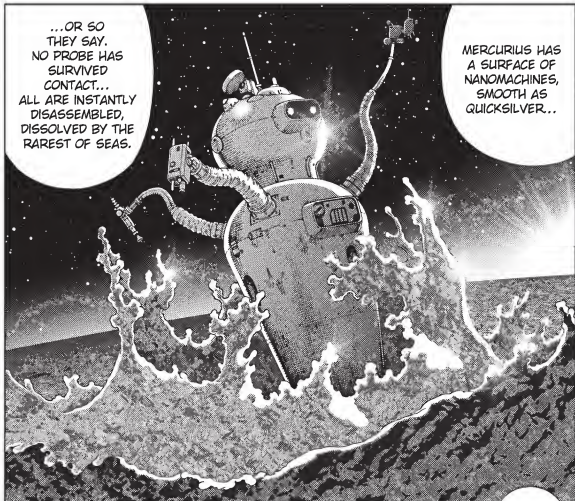


HOW DID
SUCH A
PLACE GIVE
BIRTH?

HMM...
MERCURIUS—
A PLANET OF
DEATH WHERE
NOTHING CAN
LIVE...

...OR SO
THEY SAY.
NO PROBE HAS
SURVIVED
CONTACT...
ALL ARE INSTANTLY
DISASSEMBLED,
DISSOLVED BY THE
RAREST OF SEAS.

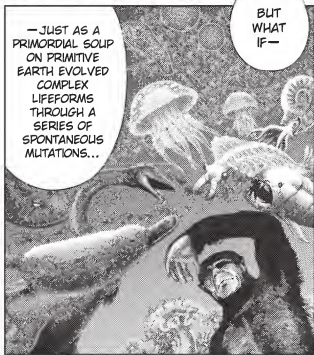
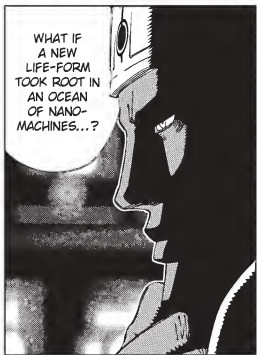
MERCURIUS HAS
A SURFACE OF
NANOMACHINES,
SMOOTH AS
QUICKSILVER...



WHAT IF
A NEW
LIFE-FORM
TOOK ROOT IN
AN OCEAN
OF NANO-
MACHINES...?

— JUST AS A
PRIMORDIAL SOUP
ON PRIMITIVE
EARTH EVOLVED
COMPLEX
LIFEFORMS
THROUGH A
SERIES OF
SPONTANEOUS
MUTATIONS...

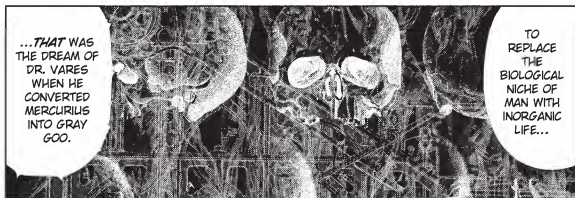
BUT
WHAT
IF—





...A TRULY
INORGANIC
LIFE-FORM
FROM
START TO
FINISH!

A COMPLEX
STRUCTURE,
INTELLIGENT
TO SOME
DEGREE,
WITHOUT
INTERMEDIATE
HUMAN
DESIGN...



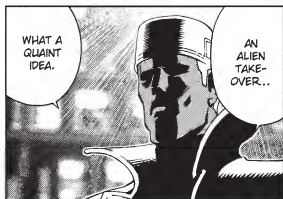
...THAT WAS
THE DREAM OF
DR. VARES
WHEN HE
CONVERTED
MERCURIUS
INTO GRAY
GOO.

TO
REPLACE
THE
BIOLOGICAL
NICHE OF
MAN WITH
INORGANIC
LIFE...



HAS HIS
LEGACY
BORNE FRUIT
AFTER ALL
THIS TIME...?!

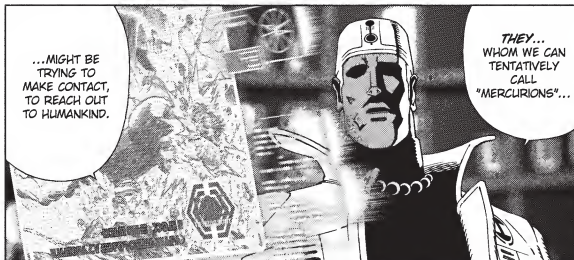
IT'S BEEN
118 YEARS
SINCE I
DEFEATED
HIM ON
PLUTO!





A FAITHFUL
TRANSLATION
OF THE PRINCIPLES
OF THE LIBIDO,
THE MOST
DESPICABLE SIDE
OF HUMANITY ON
FULL DISPLAY!

IT EATS!
IT MATES!
IT
BUTCHERS!



...MIGHT BE
TRYING TO
MAKE CONTACT,
TO REACH OUT
TO HUMANKIND.

THEY...
WHOM WE CAN
TENTATIVELY
CALL
"MERCURIANS"...



...THAT MIMICS
OUR FORM
AND OUR
INSTINCTUAL
ACTS!

NONVERBAL
COMMUNICATION—
VIA THE Z.O.T.T.!
THEY SENT AN
AMBASSADOR
CALLED
ANOMALY...



MORE THAN
SCIENTISTS...
MORE THAN
POLITICIANS...
MORE THAN
SOLDIERS...
MORE THAN
RELIGIOUS
LEADERS...

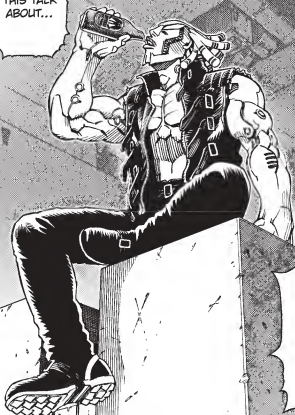
BUT WHO CAN
COMMUNICATE
WITH IT?

**THERE
IS NO
ONE
MORE
SUITED
TO THIS
TASK!**

**...A
K
A
R
A
T
E
K
A
!**



ALL
THIS TALK
ABOUT...



ZEKKA!
YOU
CAME!

I'LL
SHOW
YOU!



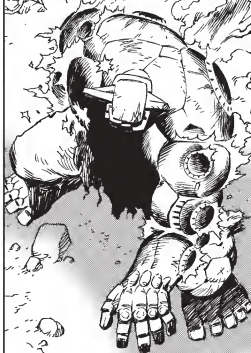
WHAT IS
THIS—
SOME
KINDA
CHURCH?

... "THE
WAY" AND
FAITH!



TMP

Your
karate
annoys me,
Toji.



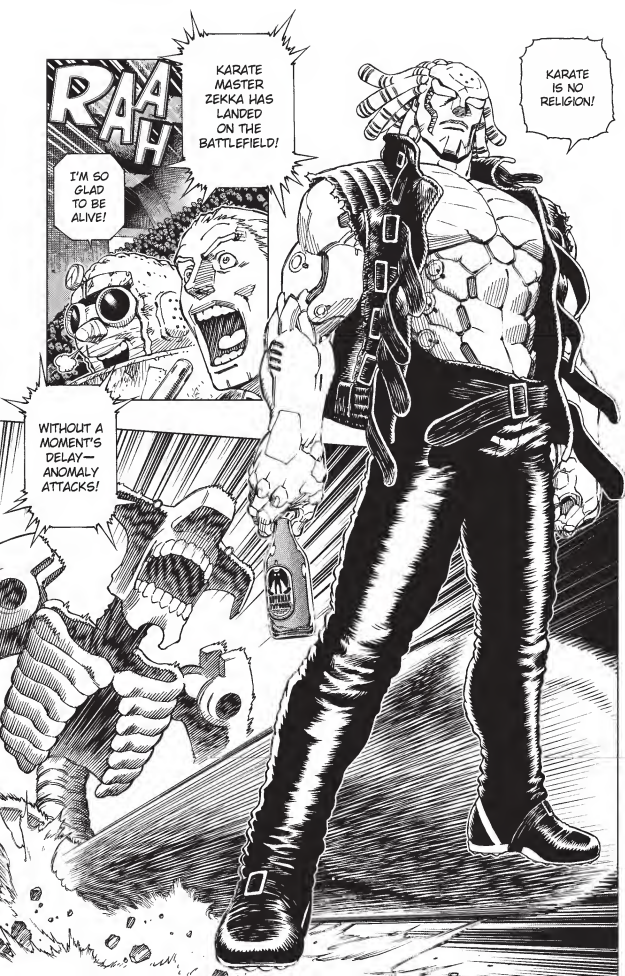
RAAH

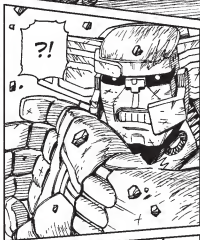
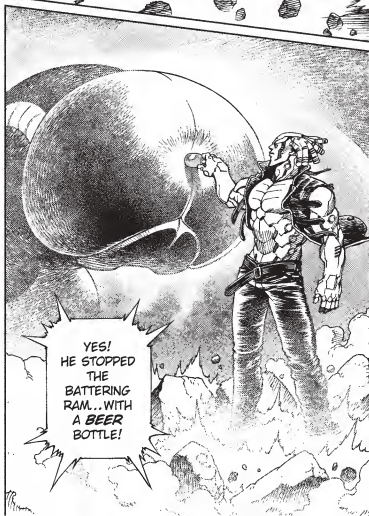
I'M SO
GLAD
TO BE
ALIVE!

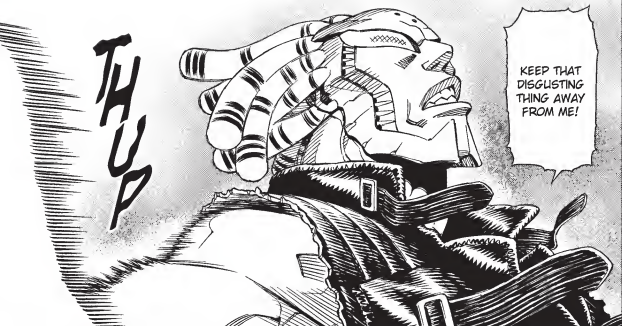
KARATE
MASTER
ZEKKA HAS
LANDED
ON THE
BATTLEFIELD!

KARATE
IS NO
RELIGION!

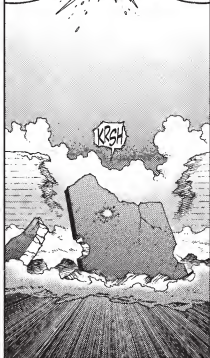
WITHOUT A
MOMENT'S
DELAY—
ANOMALY
ATTACKS!

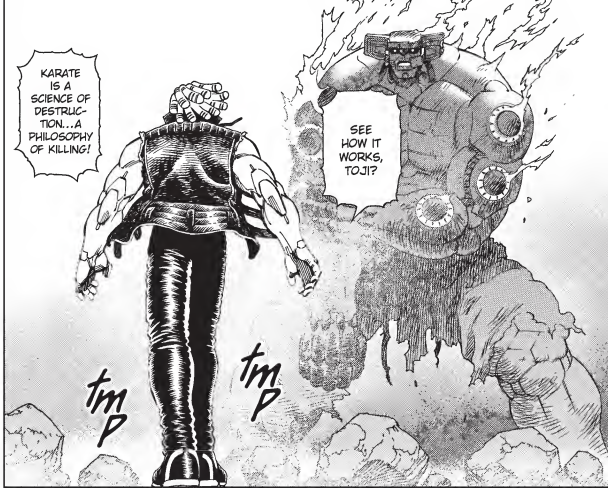






KEEP THAT
DISGUSTING
THING AWAY
FROM ME!



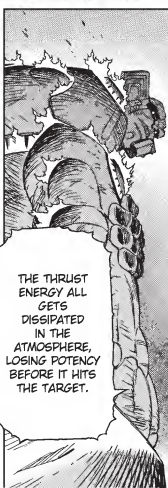


KARATE
IS A
SCIENCE OF
DESTRUC-
TION...A
PHILOSOPHY
OF KILLING!

SEE
HOW IT
WORKS,
TOJI?

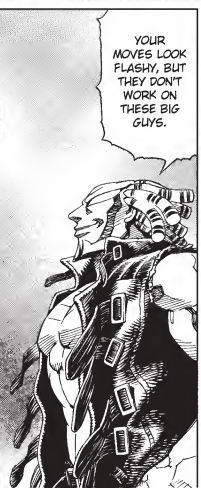
tm
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tm
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YOUR
MOVES LOOK
FLASHY, BUT
THEY DON'T
WORK ON
THESE BIG
GUYS.

MARTIAL
ARTS HAS
THAT
ASPECT...



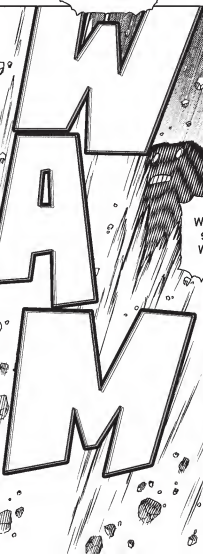
THE THRUST
ENERGY ALL
GETS
DISSIPATED
IN THE
ATMOSPHERE,
LOSING POTENCY
BEFORE IT HITS
THE TARGET.

...BUT THAT
WAS PURE
PRAGMATISM
IN MOTION.



WHEN WE
WERE YOUNG,
WE STUDIED
HOW TO
PRODUCE A
SUPERSONIC
PUNCH
WITHOUT A
SHOCK WAVE...

...AND HOW
TO PRODUCE
THE
SHOCK WAVE
AFTER
IMPACT—
WITHIN A
FOE'S BODY.

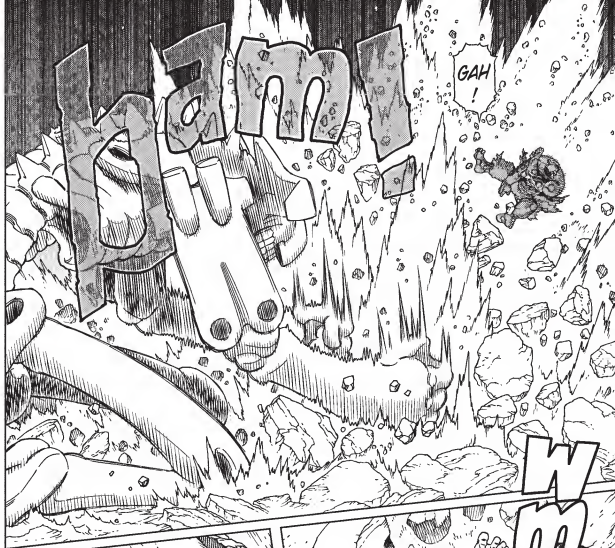


WAIT A
SEC,
WE...



SEE
YA.

HUH
?!





I-I'M SO
SORRY...
BUT IF...

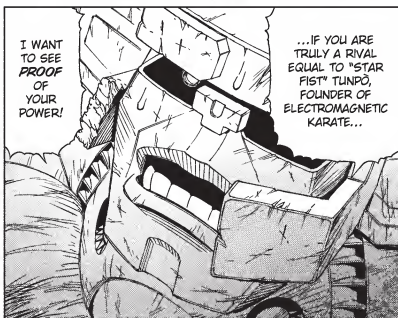
YOU
WANT TO
KEEP
BUGGING
ME?

SKRKKK



QUITE
THE
DARE-
DEVIL..

YOU
SEEK TO
PROVOKE
ME?



I WANT
TO SEE
PROOF
OF
YOUR
POWER!

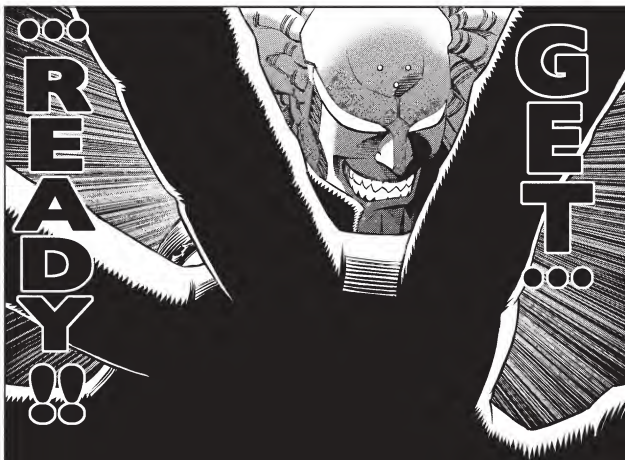
...IF YOU ARE
TRULY A RIVAL
EQUAL TO "STAR
FIST" TUNPO,
FOUNDER OF
ELECTROMAGNETIC
KARATE...



FINE.

SINCE YOU
FEEL SO
STRONGLY
ABOUT IT, I'LL
GIVE YOU A
LESSON.

BUT...
IT'LL
COST
YA!



...
**RE
AD
Y**
!!

**GE
T**
...





WHA-?



**H
O
W
|
?!**

**W
h
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?!**



**IT'S
AS
IF...**

...
LIGHT!

...MY
ENTIRE
BODY
HAS
TURNED
INTO...





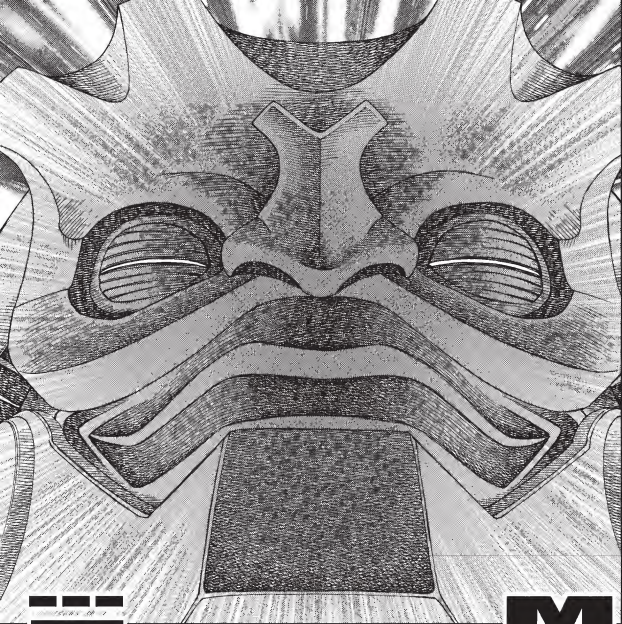
**SOME-
ONE
HERE
WITH
ME...**



**WHO
IS IT?!
CAN
IT BE...**

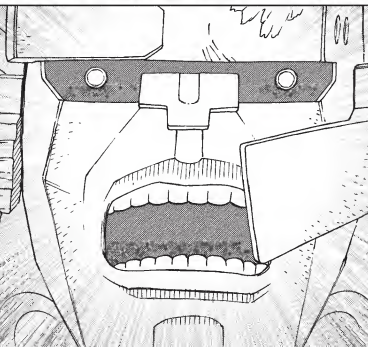


WHO?

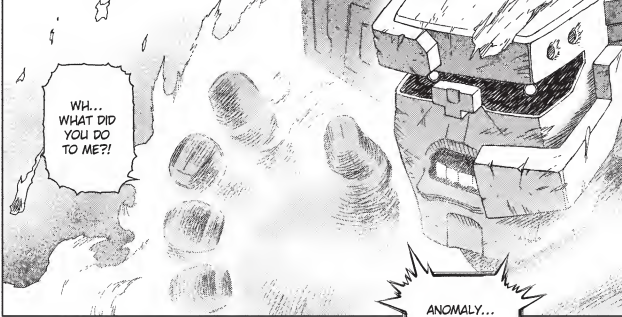


!!ZAZ!!

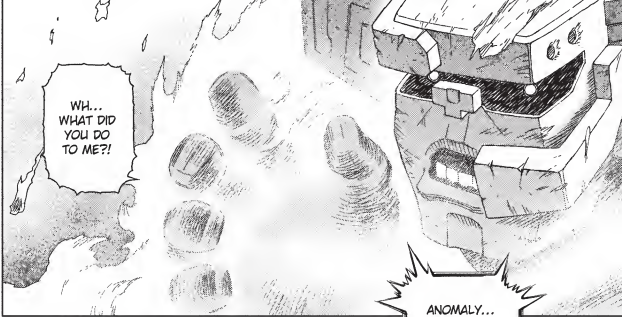
MASH!!



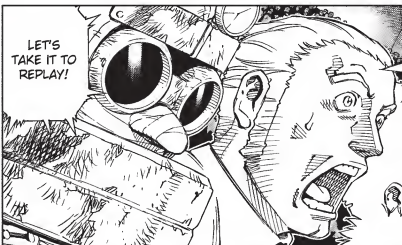




WH...
WHAT DID
YOU DO
TO ME?!



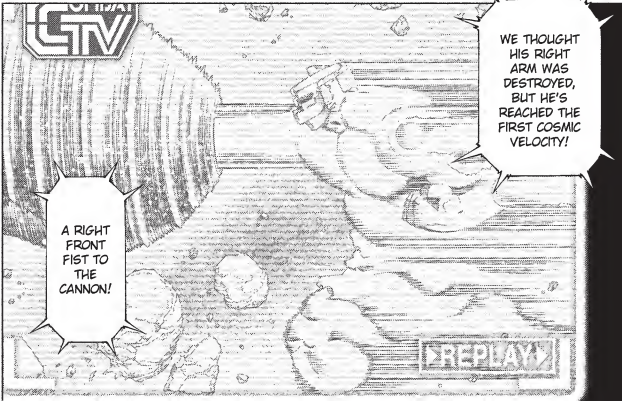
ANOMALY...
SMASHED
TO BITS!
WHAT THE
HELL WAS
THAT...?!



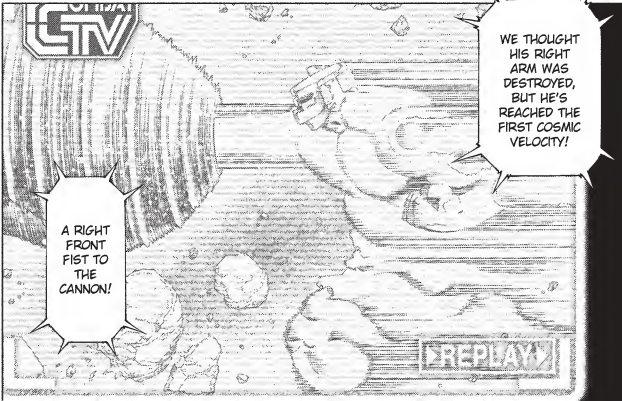
LET'S
TAKE IT TO
REPLAY!



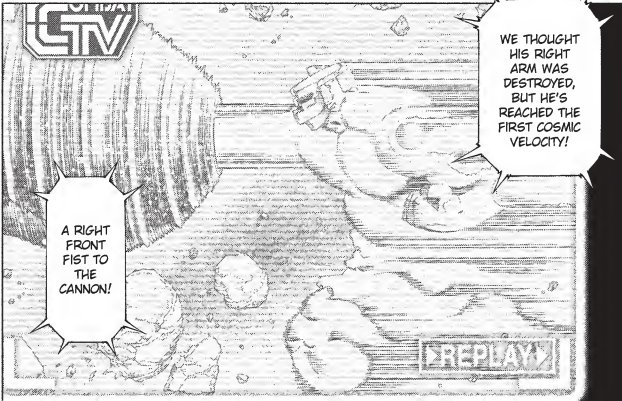
OH
OH
OH
AH!



A RIGHT
FRONT
FIST TO
THE
CANNON!



WE THOUGHT
HIS RIGHT
ARM WAS
DESTROYED,
BUT HE'S
REACHED THE
FIRST COSMIC
VELOCITY!

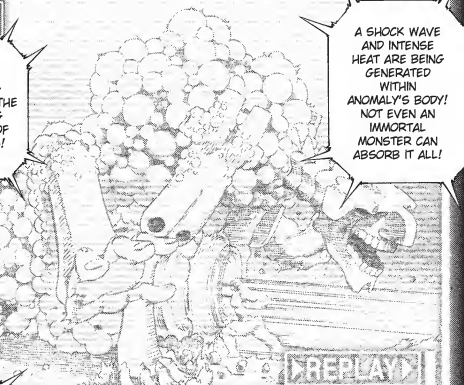


REPLAY



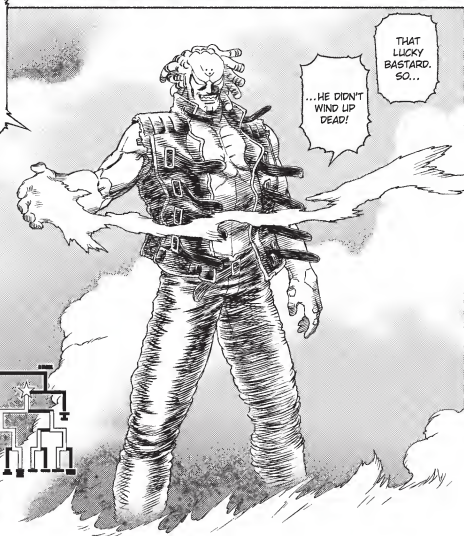
TOJI
DEMON-
STRATES THE
STAYING
POWER OF
HUMANS!

A SHOCK WAVE
AND INTENSE
HEAT ARE BEING
GENERATED
WITHIN
ANOMALY'S BODY!
NOT EVEN AN
IMMORTAL
MONSTER CAN
ABSORB IT ALL!



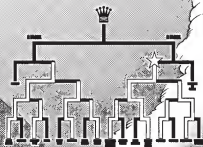
REPLAY

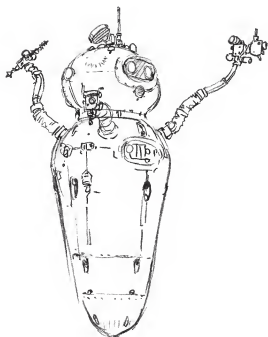
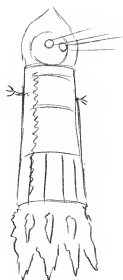
AND SPACE
KARATE
FORCES
ADVANCE
TO THE
SEMIFINALS...!



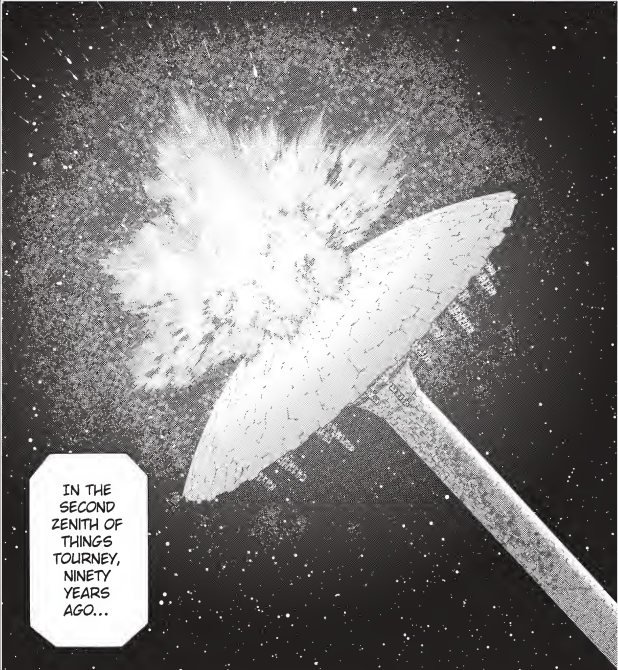
THAT
LUCKY
BASTARD.
SO...

...HE DIDN'T
WIND UP
DEAD!





PHASE 65: **Beyond Karate**

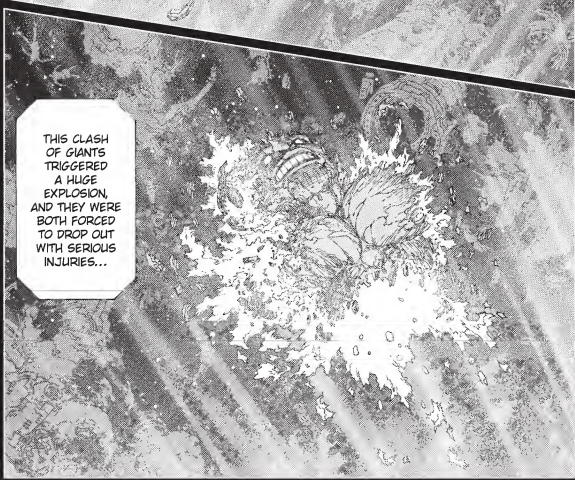


IN THE
SECOND
ZENITH OF
THINGS
TOURNEY,
NINETY
YEARS
AGO...

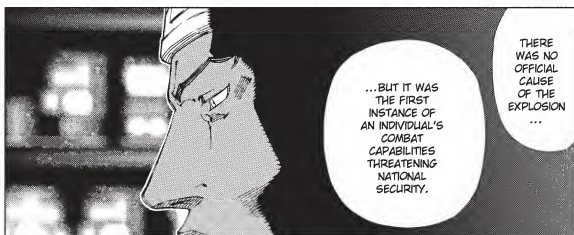
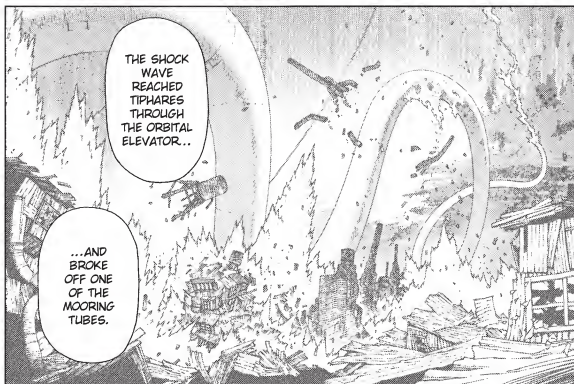
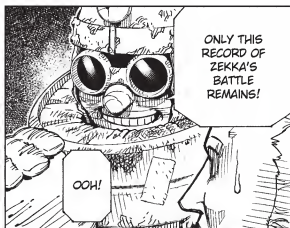
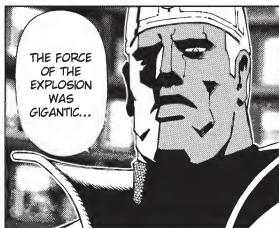


...IN THE
THIRD
ROUND—
THINGS
WERE STILL
ON A SMALL
SCALE
THEN—

...ZEKKA
BATTLED
TUNPO,
FOUNDER OF
ELECTRO-
MAGNETIC
KARATE.



THIS CLASH
OF GIANTS
TRIGGERED
A HUGE
EXPLOSION,
AND THEY WERE
BOTH FORCED
TO DROP OUT
WITH SERIOUS
INJURIES...



The rest of the second Z.O.T.T. was cancelled. Six months later, the finals were conducted between Jovian and Vensugian seeded teams at a provisional venue on the surface of the moon. The third Z.O.T.T was postponed until the completion of the Orion Frame, with its reinforced security,

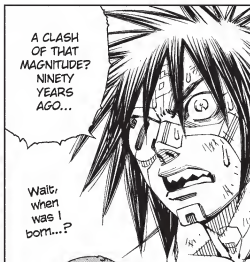


YES, SIR...
THE GOOD
OL' DAYS.



...COULD
FIGHT AS
ZEKKA'S
EQUAL?!

...WITH
INSANE
GIANTS
WHO...



A CLASH
OF THAT
MAGNITUDE?
NINETY
YEARS
AGO...

Wait,
when
was I
born...?



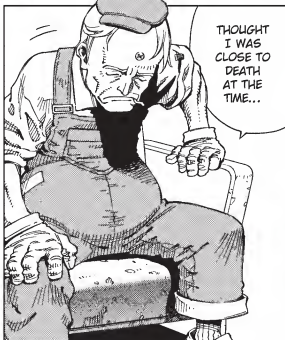
OLD
MAN...

...



I GAVE
ZEKKA THE
PROTOTYPE
FIZZIROY
BODY!

YUP.



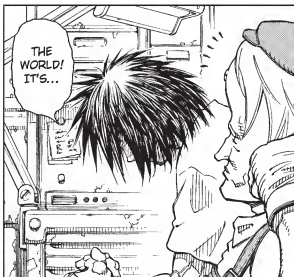
THOUGHT
I WAS
CLOSE TO
DEATH
AT THE
TIME...



S'POSE IT'S
JUST WHAT
HAPPENS TO
THE USERS OF
FIZZIROY
BODIES.

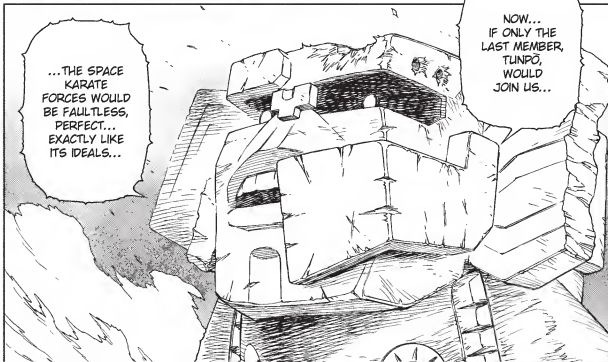
YOU CAUGHT
THE EYE OF
A REAL
TROUBLE-
MAKER, BOY!

KARATEKAS
DON'T KNOW
NOTHING
'BOUT NO
LIMITS.





THANK
YOU FOR
COMING,
ZEKKA!



...THE SPACE
KARATE
FORCES WOULD
BE FAULTLESS,
PERFECT...
EXACTLY LIKE
ITS IDEALS...

NOW...
IF ONLY THE
LAST MEMBER,
TUNPO,
WOULD
JOIN US...

YOU
SEE...

NO MATTER
HOW LONG
YOU WAIT,
TUNPO WON'T
BE COMING.

I KILLED
HIM!
WITH MY
OWN
HANDS!

WHA
-?!



TUNPO
AND I...
WE WERE
ONCE
STUDENTS
OF THE
SAME
KARATE
MASTER
ON MARS!



AS YOUR
INITIATION, I
GRANT YOU
KARATE
NAMES!

TO YOU,
BOTH
MODES
HAVE I
GIVEN...

...OF SECRET
KARATE,
PASSED DOWN
IN MY CLAN
SINCE ANCIENT
RYUKYU.



YOU
WILL BE
ZEKKA...

...A
WHIRLWIND
TO SNUFF
ANY FLAME!



YOU
WILL BE
TUNPO...

...FOR YOU
WILL SMASH
AND SWALLOW
THE WORLD!

WHAT SEPARATES
KARATE FROM THE
OTHER MARTIAL
ARTS?!

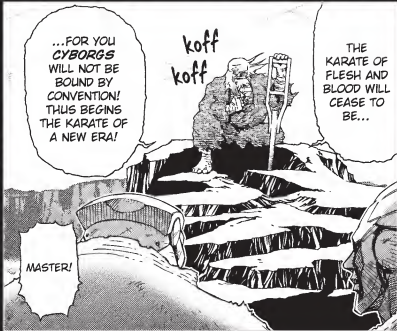


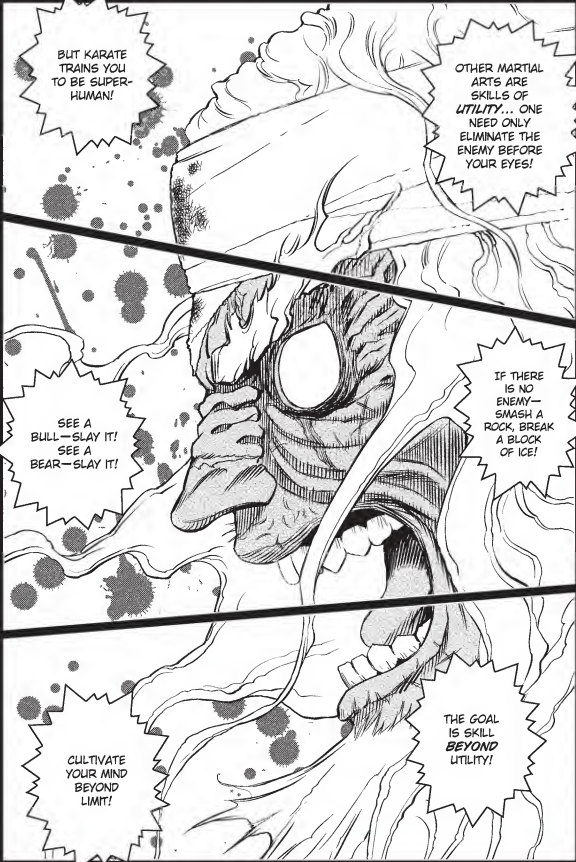
...FOR YOU
CYBORGS
WILL NOT BE
BOUND BY
CONVENTION!
THIS BEGINS
THE KARATE OF
A NEW ERA!

MASTER!

koff
koff

THE
KARATE OF
FLESH AND
BLOOD WILL
CEASE TO
BE...





BUT KARATE
TRAINS YOU
TO BE SUPER-
HUMAN!

OTHER MARTIAL
ARTS ARE
SKILLS OF
UTILITY... ONE
NEED ONLY
ELIMINATE THE
ENEMY BEFORE
YOUR EYES!

SEE A
BULL—SLAY IT!
SEE A
BEAR—SLAY IT!

IF THERE
IS NO
ENEMY—
SMASH A
ROCK, BREAK
A BLOCK
OF ICE!

CULTIVATE
YOUR MIND
BEYOND
LIMIT!

THE GOAL
IS SKILL
BEYOND
UTILITY!



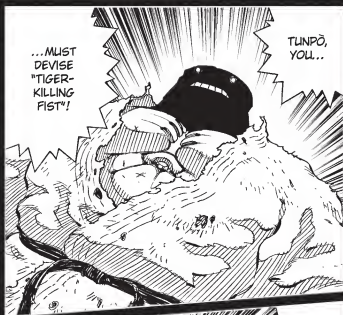
NOW, I GIVE
YOU A TOPIC
OF STUDY!



MAS-
TER!

FAREWELL!

FW
SH
H



...MUST
DEVISE
"TIGER-
KILLING
FIST"!

TUNPO,
YOU...



...MUST
CREATE
"DRAGON-
SLAYING
METHOD"!

ZEKKA,
YOU...

DEVELOP
TECHNIQUES
TO KILL A
NONEXISTENT
BEAST AND A
LONG EXTINCT
CARNIVORE?
WHAT IS HE
GETTING AT?!

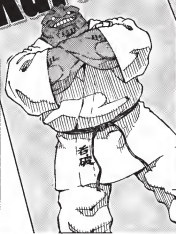
DRAGON-
SLAYING
METHOD*...
TIGER-
KILLING
FIST...?!



Electro Magnet Super Karate

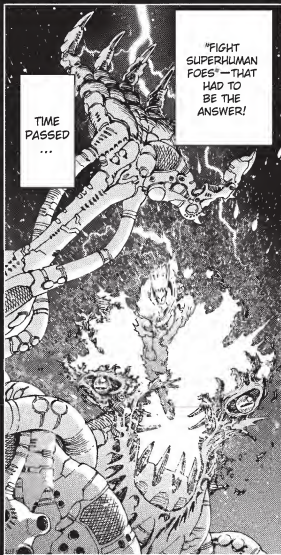
I HEARD
RUMORS THAT
TUNPO
ATTAINED
THE TITLE
"SLAUGHTER
MASTER" FROM
BATTLING
PIRATES...

...AND
SOON AFTER
FOUNDED THE
SCHOOL OF
ELECTRO-
MAGNETIC
KARATE.



TIME
PASSED
...

"FIGHT
SUPERHUMAN
FOES"—THAT
HAD TO
BE THE
ANSWER!

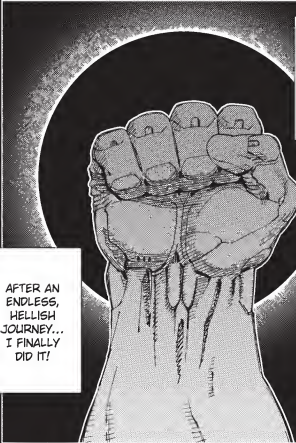


*Dragon-slaying method. A term for useless skills and knowledge. Chinese writer Zhuangzi tells of a young man who learned how to kill a dragon but ended his life without ever encountering the mythical beast.



...WE
FACED
EACH
OTHER IN
THE
SECOND
Z.O.T.T.!

TO SEE
WHO WAS
BEST AND TO
TEST OUR
TRAINING
METHODS...



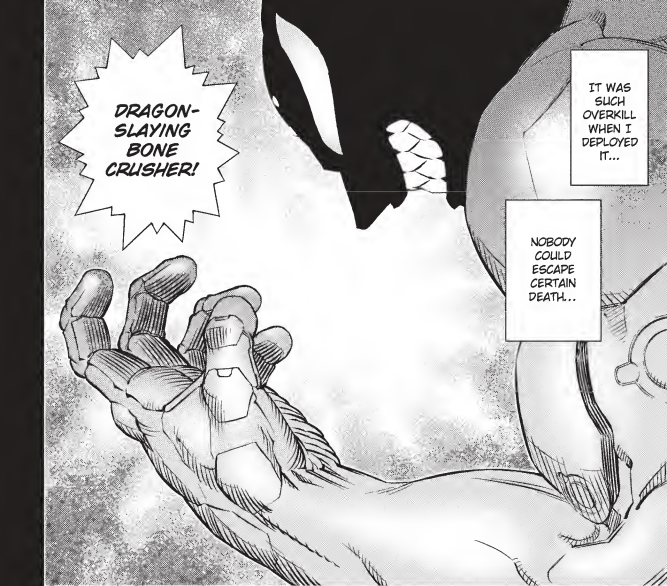
AND
THEN
THE
DAY
CAME!

AFTER AN
ENDLESS,
HELLISH
JOURNEY...
I FINALLY
DID IT!



WHEN IT
ENDED
IN A
DRAW...

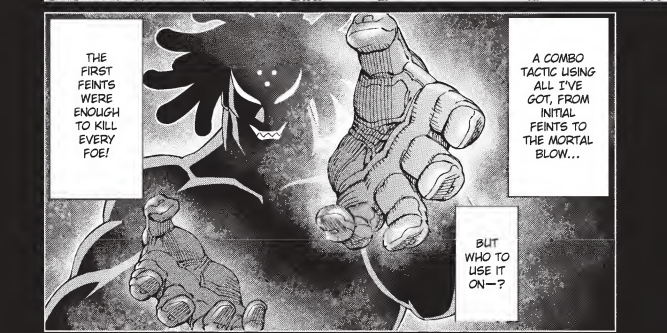
...WE
VOWED
TO
LEARN
EVEN
MORE!



**DRAGON-
SLAYING
BONE
CRUSHER!**

IT WAS
SUCH
OVERKILL
WHEN I
DEPLOYED
IT...

NOBODY
COULD
ESCAPE
CERTAIN
DEATH...



THE
FIRST
FEINTS
WERE
ENOUGH
TO KILL
EVERY
FOE!

A COMBO
TACTIC USING
ALL I'VE
GOT, FROM
INITIAL
FEINTS TO
THE MORTAL
BLOW...

BUT
WHO TO
USE IT
ON—?



TUNPŌ!

HE MUST BE
IMPROVING ON
HIS TIGER-
KILLING FIST...
I LOOKED
FORWARD
TO IT!

ONLY ONE
MAN COULD
WITHSTAND
THE WHOLE
RUN OF
BLOWS!

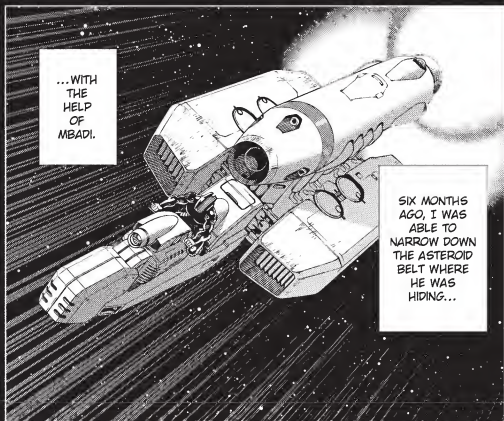


NO ONE
KNEW HIS
WHERE-
ABOUTS.

BUT AFTER HE
PASSED HIS
SCHOOL ON TO
A SUCCESSOR,
NO MORE WAS
HEARD OF HIM.



...?!



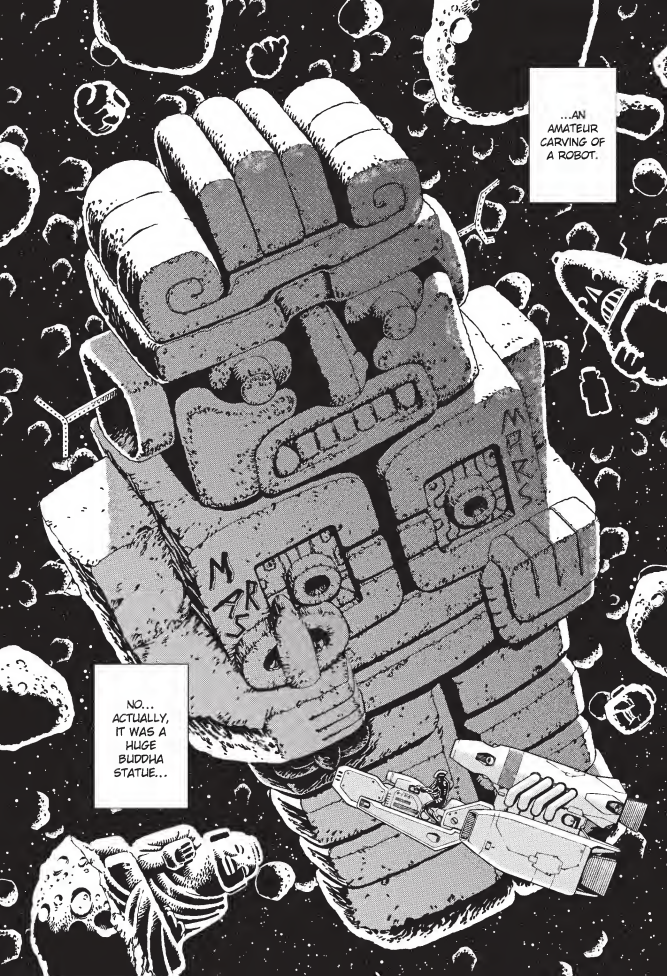
...WITH
THE
HELP
OF
MBADI.

SIX MONTHS
AGO, I WAS
ABLE TO
NARROW DOWN
THE ASTEROID
BELT WHERE
HE WAS
HIDING...

IT WAS
A MOST
SURREAL
SIGHT...
LIKE A
DREAM.

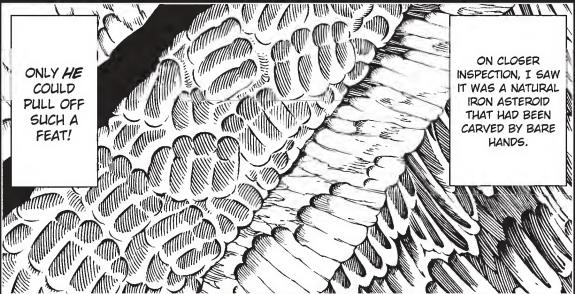
WHAT
THE
HELL?!





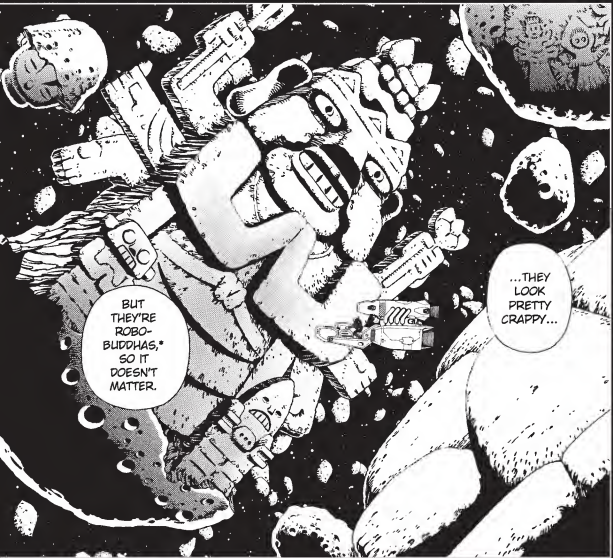
...AN
AMATEUR
CARVING OF
A ROBOT.

NO...
ACTUALLY,
IT WAS A
HUGE
BUDDHA
STATUE...



ONLY HE
COULD
PULL OFF
SUCH A
FEAT!

ON CLOSER
INSPECTION, I SAW
IT WAS A NATURAL
IRON ASTEROID
THAT HAD BEEN
CARVED BY BARE
HANDS.



BUT
THEY'RE
ROBO-
BUDDHAS,*
SO IT
DOESN'T
MATTER.

...THEY
LOOK
PRETTY
CRAPPY...

*Robo-Buddha: In the materialist view of the Space Buddhist sect, even robots are considered to have an innate Buddha-nature.

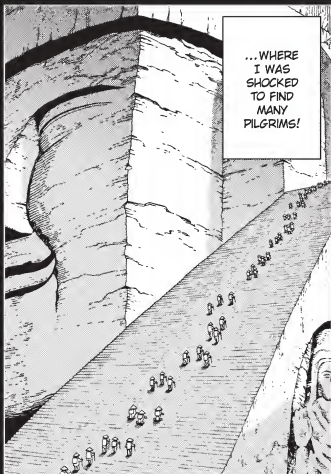
I SOON
CAME TO AN
UNUSUALLY
LARGE
"BUDDHA-HEAD
PLANETOID"...





WE'S COME
ALL THE WAY
FROM TITAN*
T'PRAY TO
THE "GREAT
PUPA."

THANK
THE
LORDS!



...WHERE
I WAS
SHOCKED
TO FIND
MANY
PILGRIMS!



WHAT
THE HECK
IS GOING
ON?!

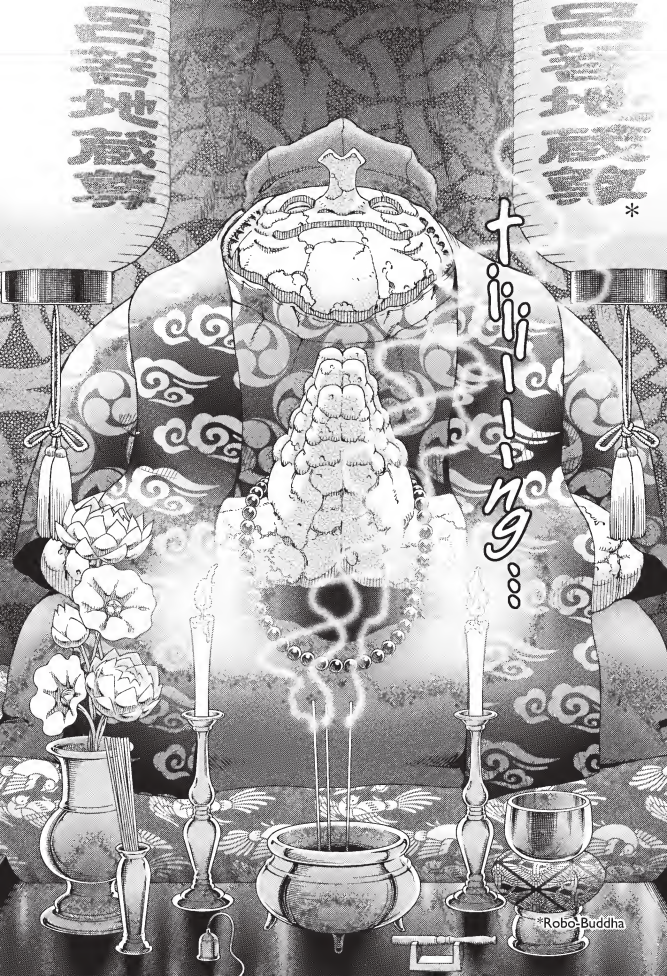
*Titan: One of Saturn's moons.

目
菩
地
藏
尊

目
菩
地
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tiing...



*Robo-Buddha



AFTER
RIGOROUS
ASCETIC
EXERCISES,
HE HAS
ATTAINED LIVING
BUDDHAHOOD.

YOU
SEEK
THE
ROBO-
JIZO,
SIR?



NOW
YOU'RE
CONTENT
BEING A JIZO
STATUE?!

KREK



BASTARD!
WHAT OF
YOUR PROMISE
TO YOUR
MASTER...
THE VOW YOU
TOOK WITH ME?!

**GRRK
KRRK
CLKK**

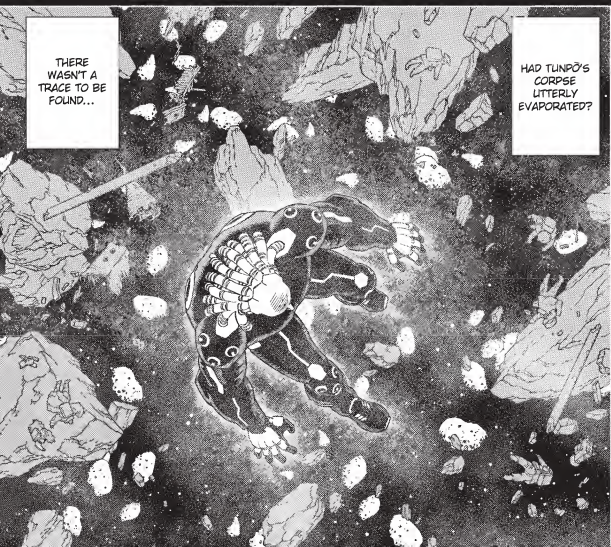


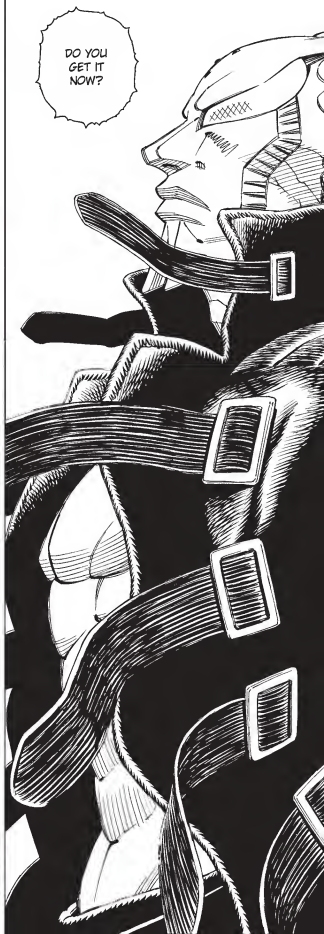
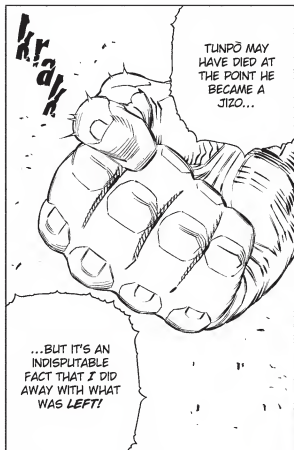
**IS
THIS
WHAT YOU
SOUGHT
BEYOND
KARATE?!**

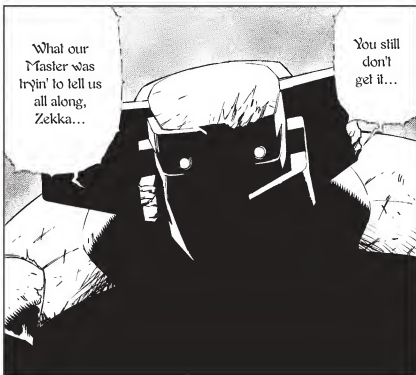
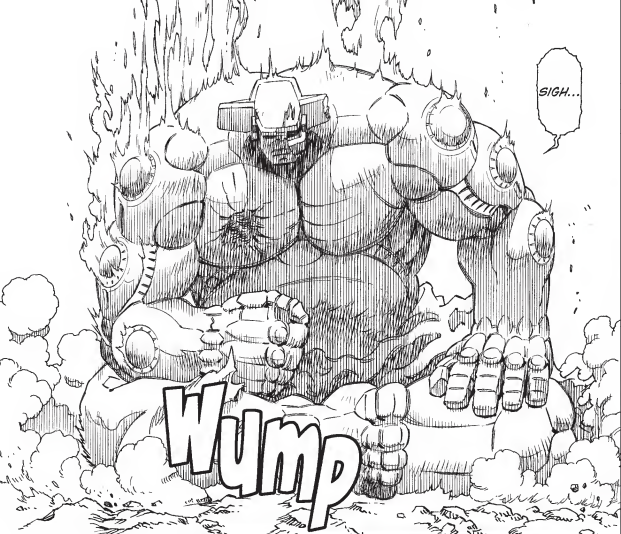


THERE
WASN'T A
TRACE TO BE
FOUND...

HAD TUNPO'S
CORPSE
LITTERLY
EVAPORATED?







Not that I
expect you
to see it.

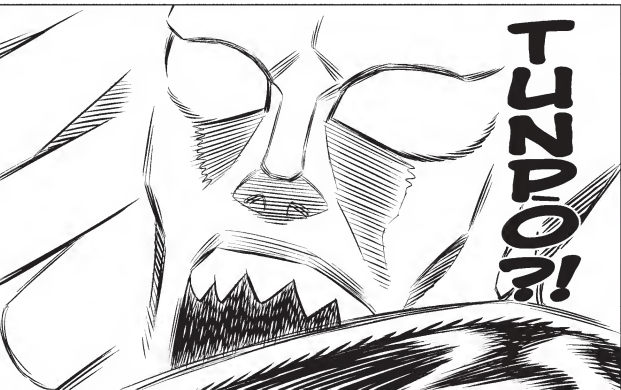
You're
very bound,
Zekka.
By so many
things.

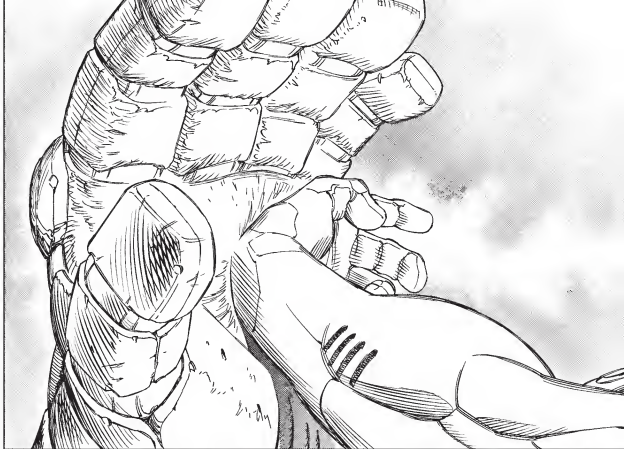
He told us
to unbind
ourselves.

JN
G!

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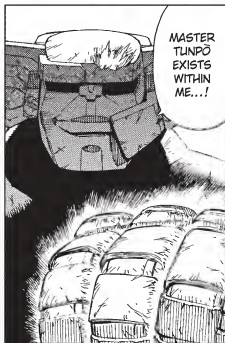
HOW
DARE YOU
TALK TO
ME LIKE
THAT?!





...DID HE
JUST
STOP MY
FIST?!

NO
WAY!
DID
HE...



MASTER
TUNPO
EXISTS
WITHIN
ME...!





YOU HAVE MY
ETERNAL
GRATITUDE!

THIS MOMENT
WAS WORTH
A HUNDRED
YEARS OF
TRAINING.

HMM...

WONDER
IF I'M
GETTING
OLD?
YEAH, THAT
MUST BE
IT...

I'm
seeing
things!

THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPON FOR ANY ONE-MAN ARMY!

ZANBER KZ90

CM

Mars—the planet many soldiers' souls call home. This is ZANBER's KZ90, developed in the rich warrior culture of the planet's red soil ZANBER: custom guns for custom people.

ZANBER's distinctive designs and service philosophy have earned a cult following. The company name is taken from the "Zanba sword," the great Japanese sword used to slaughter mounted warriors in medieval Japan.



Data sub-monitor
• Data sub-monitor can also display virtual characters. Customizable Ragin' Sarge can advise you on operations, offer encouragement, or insult the enemy if you are inarticulate.



Customized example

Other functions

- Sniper search system: estimates trajectory from multiple built-in mikes to locate lurking snipers.
- Adjustable camouflage paint: change the pattern depending on environment, weather, or your mood. Examples:



- ZANBER Link works in concert with other ZANBER products to perform as a collective.
- ZANBER Information Service (added fee): sign up for the annual electronic information service from the ZANBER military spy satellite. Airstrike weather news, mine distribution updates, today's coffin index, etc.

Optional add-ons for Gold Club Members



Mobile bipod
• Powerful legs—optimal for ambushes.



Berserker cell bullets
• Fresh Berserker type-A cells inside bullets. Effective range is 700m with high-pressure propellant. Safety issues addressed by the ANMP coating.



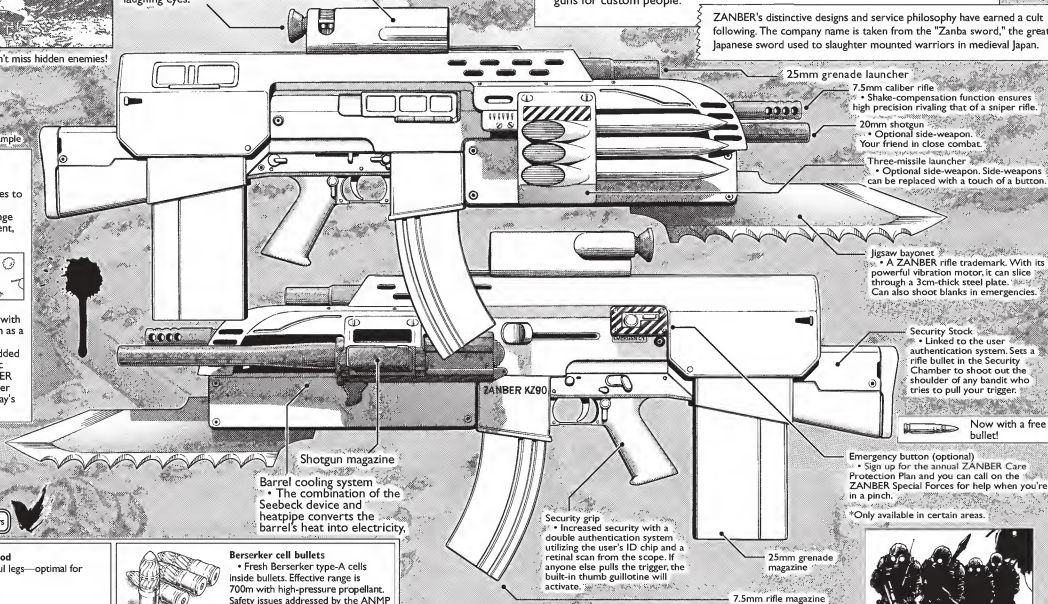
Parasitic sling
• Direct connection to your brain with one touch of a button. Use with distributors to fire up to ten weapons at once, hands-free. Shoot the enemy with your spinal reflex!



Living targets
• Installed with actual organs to create realistic impacts. 100% biodegradable and environmentally friendly.

Smart-sight system
• Equipped with the newest facial recognition. The video stabilizer detects camouflage. In the automatic "smile-shot mode," bullets can be fired right between the enemy's laughing eyes.

Operation recorder
• Records scope visuals, sensor data, number of shots, type of ammo, and hit rate into built-in memory. Useful for operation assessment, verification, or simply creating memories.



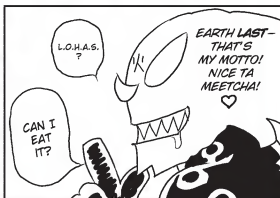
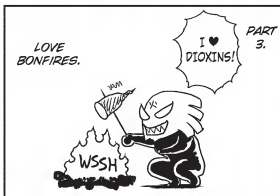
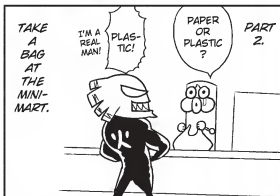
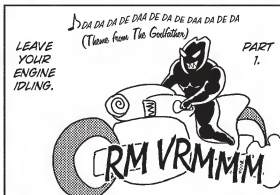
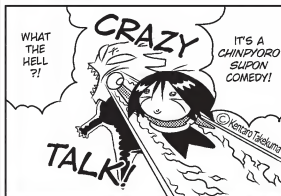
Although compatible with Martian standard bullets, the dependable ZANBER mechanism adjusts to a mix of artillery. Decreases jamming frequency to less than 1 in 10,000 shots. Operates in temperatures from -200°C to 300°C.



ZANBER elite troops

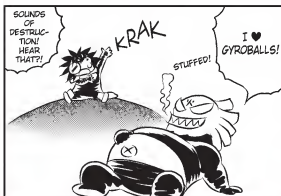
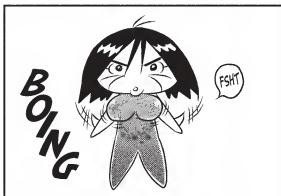
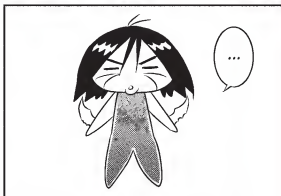
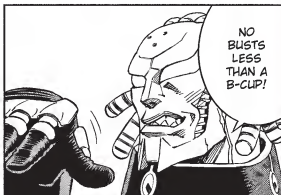
NG PUNCH INSTRUCTION!!

AN EGO-LOGICAL MAN!



SAMURAI ANGELS!

SEXUAL HARASSMENT



BUILD CHARACTER IN BASEBALL HELL! I DON'T UNDERSTAND THE RULES, THOUGH.

NEXT TIME: GUNTROLL BASEBALL CLUB!

ALITA
Last Order™







PHASE 66: **Rarin' to Kill**



...BRINGING YOU THE
LATEST NEWS OF THE
JUPITER UNION
COUNCIL.

IN THE NAME OF
PROSPERITY AND THE
GLORY OF ALL
HUMANKIND...

...GOOD
MORNING.
THIS IS THE
JUPITER SYSTEM
NATIONAL
BROADCAST...

ATTENTION, UNION
CITIZENS...

Jovian Kolkhoz Europa
Ice Farm

Moo...

Jovian Capital Moon Ganymede
Machine City Uruk Sulcus

WATCH THE
BROADCAST OF THE
TENTH Z.O.T.T.
TODAY AT 9:25
STANDARD TIME.

HEART



Jovian Military Moon Callisto
Central Military Base Valhalla

IT IS YOUR DUTY
AS A CITIZEN...

...TO BEHOLD THE
VICTORY OF OUR
DELEGATE!

Z.O.T.T. Day 6: Block A Semifinals



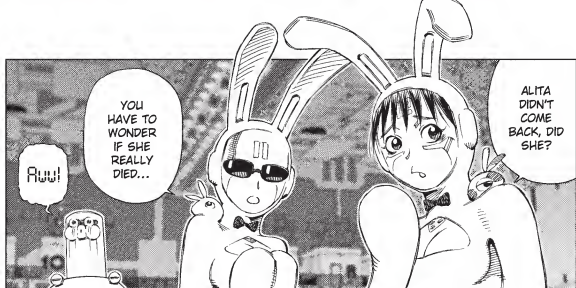
THE GREAT
SECHS, AS
USUAL, IS RA-
RIN' TO KILL!

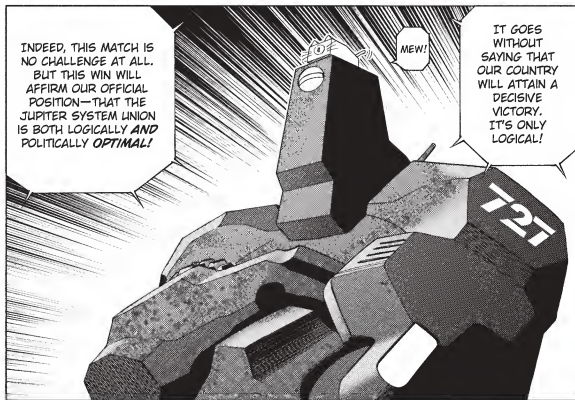
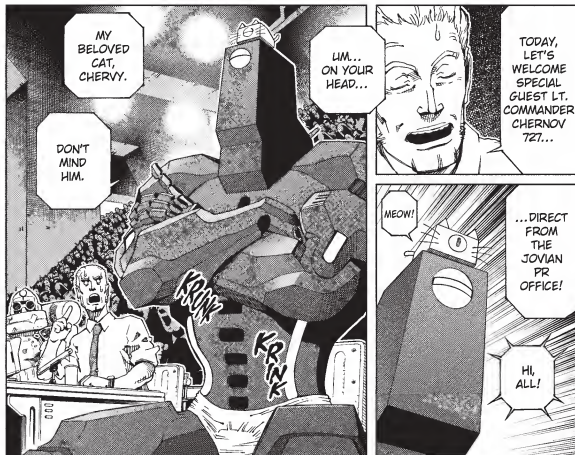
THE
THRASHING
THIS
TWO-YEAR-OLD
TOOK FROM
ZEKKA YESTERDAY
HASN'T LEFT
ANY LASTING
DAMAGE!

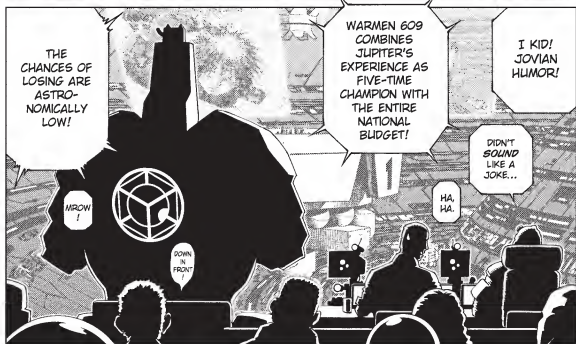
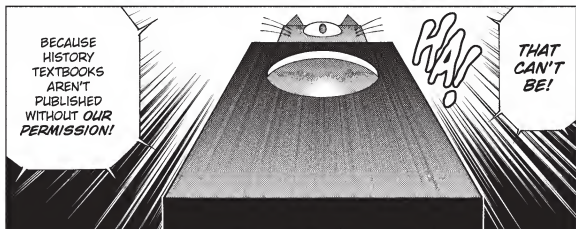
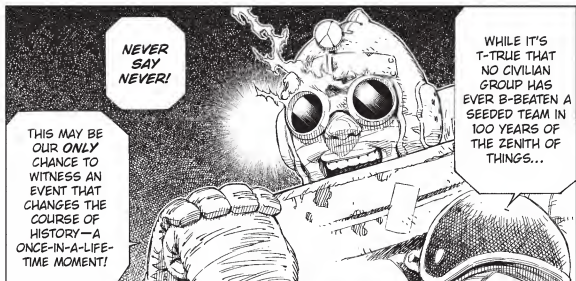


THE
SEMIFINALS
ARE FINALLY
HERE!
SPACE ANGELS
VS. WARREN 609,
THE JUPITER
UNION DELEGATE!

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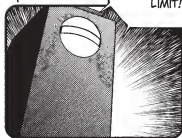


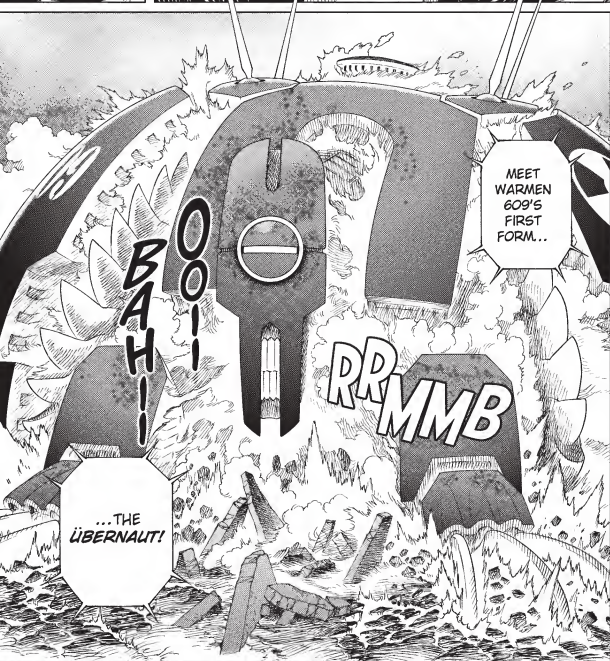
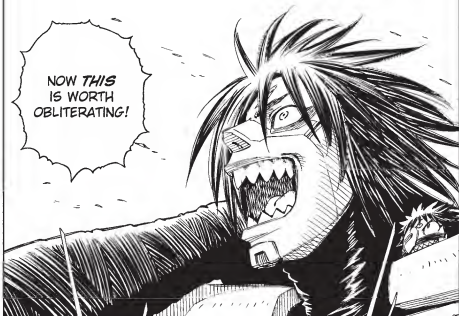
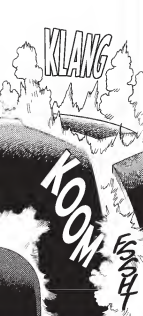
HERE
IT IS!
AND IT'S
A BIG
ONE!

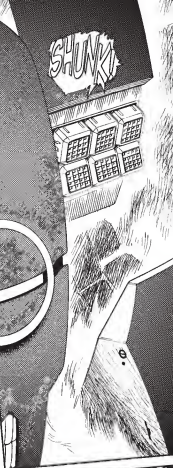


609 RMBRMBRMB

AT 500 TONS
AND 50 METERS
IN DIAMETER, IT'S
EXACTLY UNDER
THE REGULATION
LIMIT!







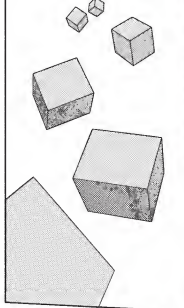
A TECHNOLOGY
ALREADY IN
WIDESPREAD USE,
THIS "SMART
POLYMER" CAN BE
RECOVERED AND
RECYCLED...SO IT
ISN'T COUNTED AS
"AMMO"!

POLYMER
CAPTURE: A
HIGH-SPEED
STEAM
PROJECTION THAT
INSTANTANEOUSLY
RECRYSTALLIZES
INTO A CUBE!

WIP
TIP
FIP
BIP
WAP
WIP
FAP
BAP
TIP
TUP
FAM!

CONSEQUENTLY,
WE CAN USE
AS MUCH AS
WE WANT!

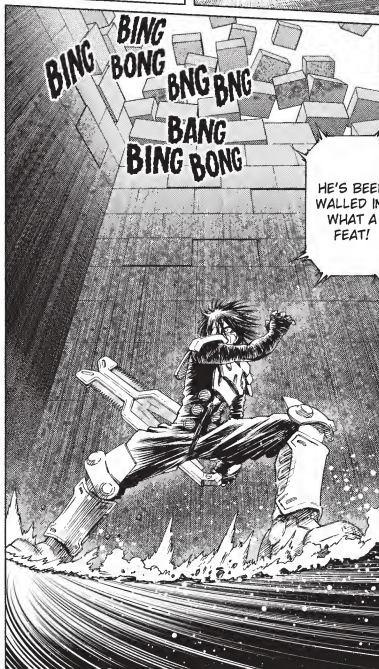




I WAS
CARELESS
THE FIRST
TIME...

...BUT NOW
THAT I'VE GOT
THE HANG OF
THIS TRICK, IT'S
NO PROBLEM!

CAN'T
CATCH
ME!

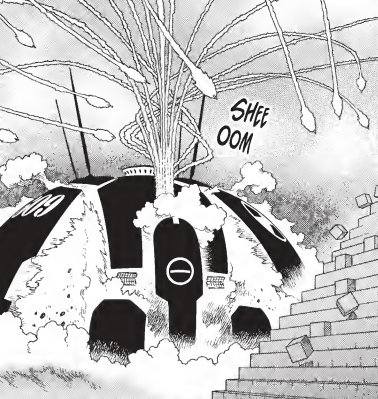


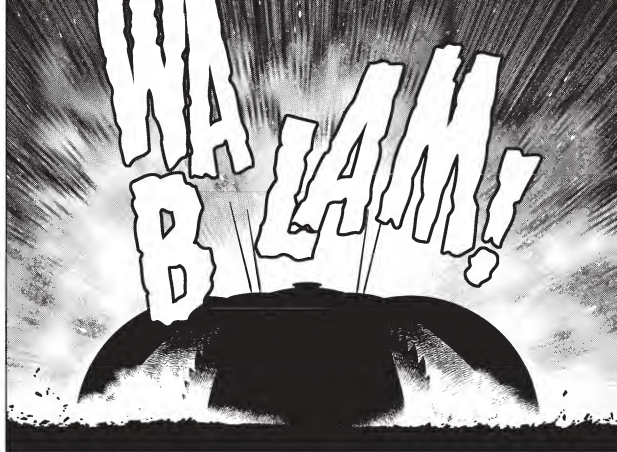
BING
BONG
BNG BNG
BANG
BING BONG

HE'S BEEN
WALLED IN!
WHAT A
FEAT!



BONG BONG
BONG
BONG
BONG





I PUNCHED
THE GROUND
A SPLIT
SECOND
BEFORE...

THAT'S A
SERIOUS
PROBLEM AT
POINT-BLANK
RANGE!

THAT GOT ME
THE HELL OUT
OF THERE...
BUT IT ALMOST
COST ME MY
ARM!



OOH!
SECHS
GOT SHOT
INTO THE
AIR!

"ECOLOGICAL
CARPET-BOMBING"
—THAT'S OUR
GREEN-FRIENDLY
NATIONAL
POLICY!

Fire!!

SINCE
ARTIFICIALLY
INTELLIGENT
GUIDANCE IS
BANNED, WE
HAVE TO USE
ANOTHER
APPROACH!
METALLIC HELIUM*
WARHEADS
SHOULD DO
THE JOB!

A SECOND
WAVE OF
MISSILES
DESCENDS
ON THE
GREAT
SECHS!

HEH!

SHUNK

*Metallic helium: A meta-stable compound of helium gas solidified in an electronically excited state. Stable at ambient temperatures, it explodes at 500°C (932°F). It's 300 times more explosive than HMX, and because it doesn't produce radioactive or toxic byproducts it is thought to be easy on the environment.

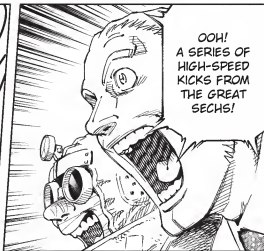




TMP!



GO!

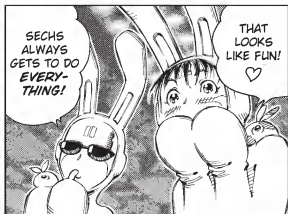
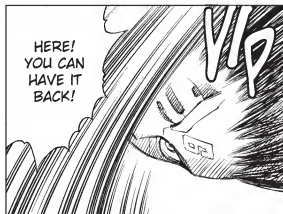


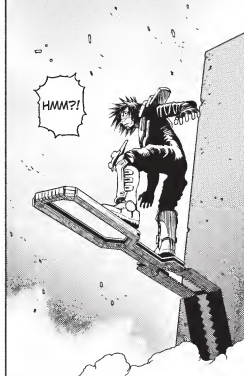
OOH!
A SERIES OF
HIGH-SPEED
KICKS FROM
THE GREAT
SECHS!



**YEE
HAW!**





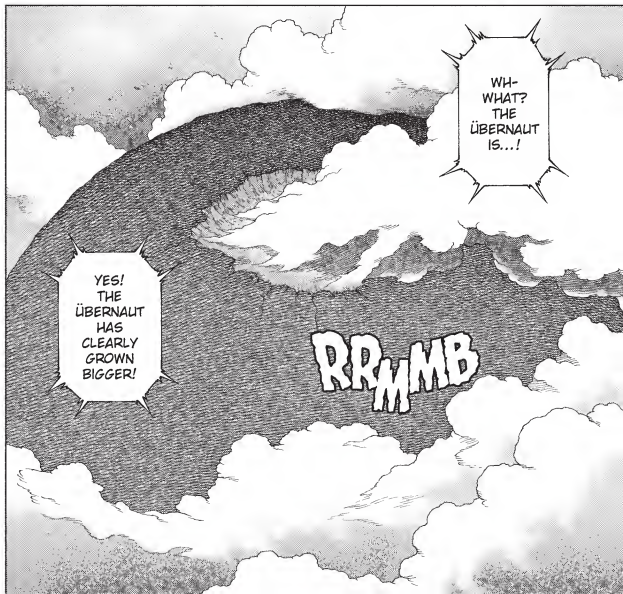


HMM?!



PROF.
SECHS'S
VOLLEY IS A
THING OF
CONSUMMATE
BEAUTY!

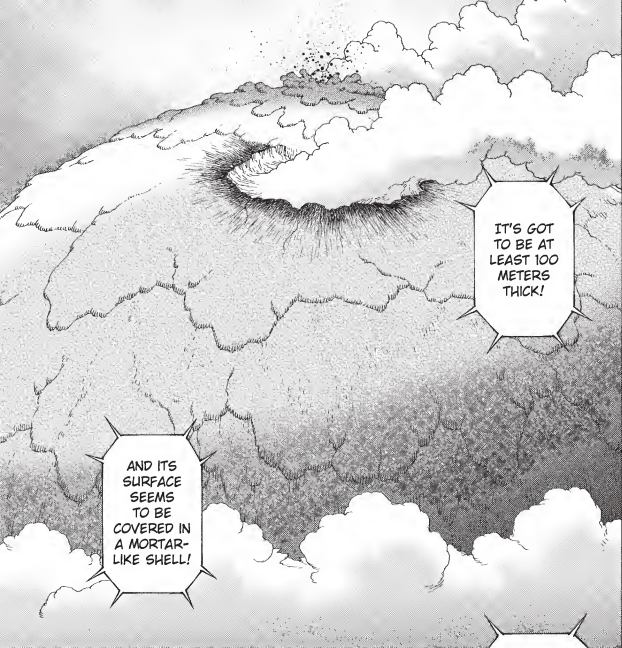
WHOOOSHT



WH-
WHAT?
THE
ÜBERNAUT
IS...!

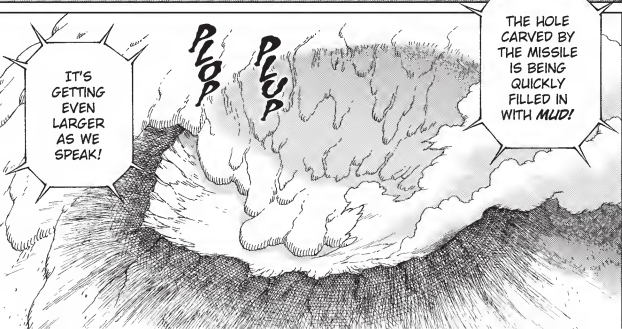
YES!
THE
ÜBERNAUT
HAS
CLEARLY
GROWN
BIGGER!

RRMMB



IT'S GOT
TO BE AT
LEAST 100
METERS
THICK!

AND ITS
SURFACE
SEEMS
TO BE
COVERED IN
A MORTAR-
LIKE SHELL!



IT'S
GETTING
EVEN
LARGER
AS WE
SPEAK!

POP
POP

THE HOLE
CARVED BY
THE MISSILE
IS BEING
QUICKLY
FILLED IN
WITH MUD!



ONCE
WE'RE
INSIDE THE
ARENA,
THERE ARE
NO SIZE
LIMITS!

Nyuu!

...IS BEING
FORMED
OUT OF
ARENA
DIRT.

THE
LIBERNAUT'S
SUPPLE-
MENTAL
ADOBE-
ARMOR...

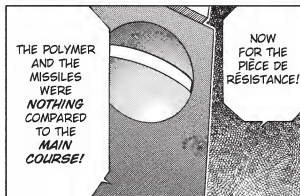


...BUT
HOW'S IT
GONNA
FIGHT LIKE
THAT?



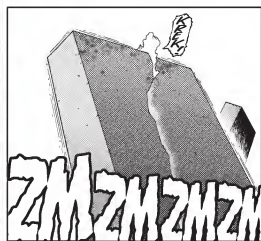
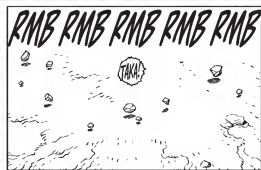
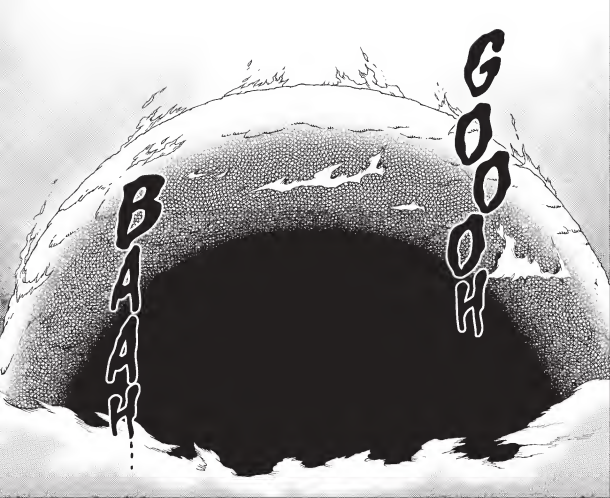
SURE, IT'LL
BE A TOUGH
NUT TO
CRACK...

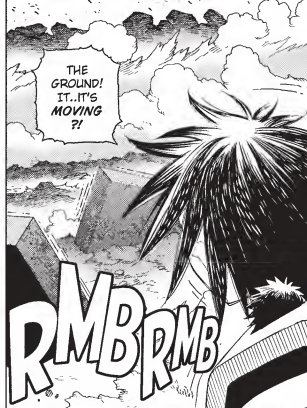
h
m
m...

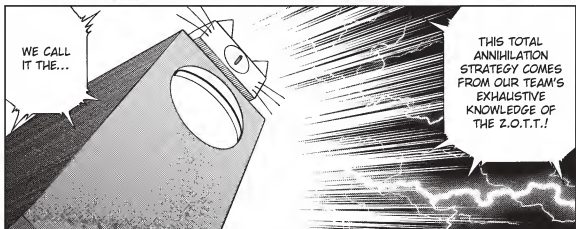


THE POLYMER
AND THE
MISSILES
WERE
NOTHING
COMPARED
TO THE
MAIN
COURSE!

NOW
FOR THE
PIÈCE DE
RÉSISTANCE!







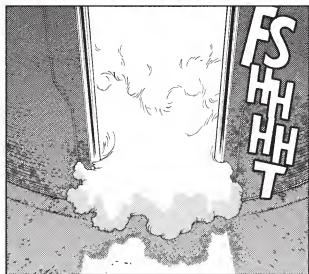
WE CALL
IT THE...

THIS TOTAL
ANNIHILATION
STRATEGY COMES
FROM OUR TEAM'S
EXHAUSTIVE
KNOWLEDGE OF
THE Z.O.T.T.!

MIXER!!

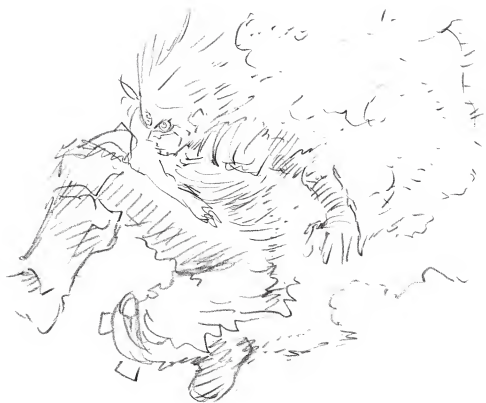


JUPITER

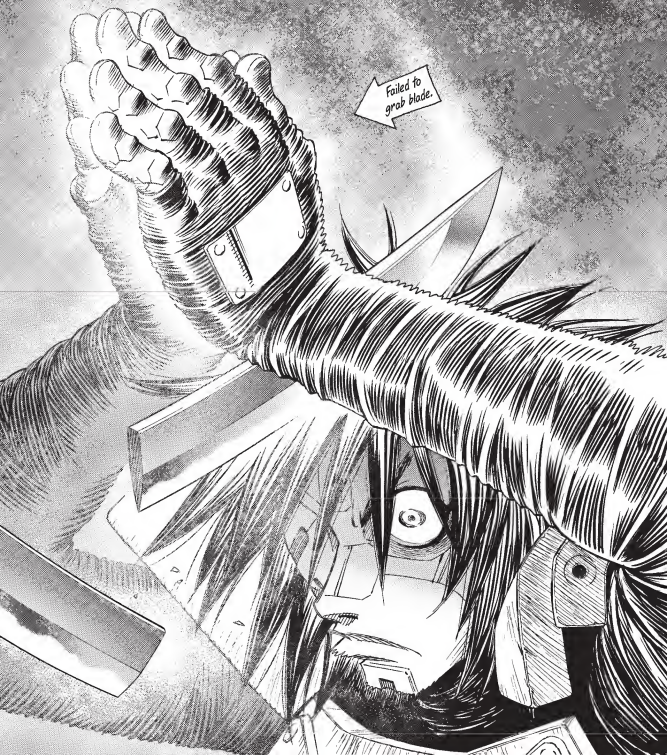


...LET'S
JUST HOPE
I MAKE IT
IN TIME.





PHASE 67: Search & Destroy!





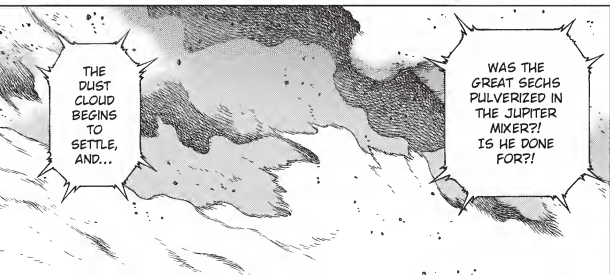
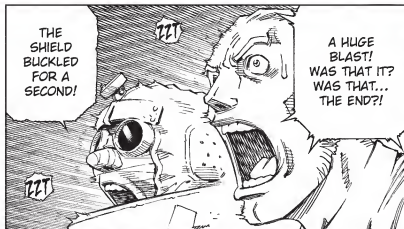
**RUN THUNDER,
RUN! ROAR
DYNAMO, ROAR!
STRIPMINING
SATELLITES...
TO SUPPORT
THE PILLARS OF
THE WORLD.**

**JUPITER, JUPITER,
JUPITER UNION...
CREAKING
MACHINE
BODIES...AH,
OUR CYBORG
NATION...
[SEVERAL STANZAS
OMITTED]**

Jupiter Union Fight Song
Original Lyrics by: Unagi Yamashiro



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FSSH!

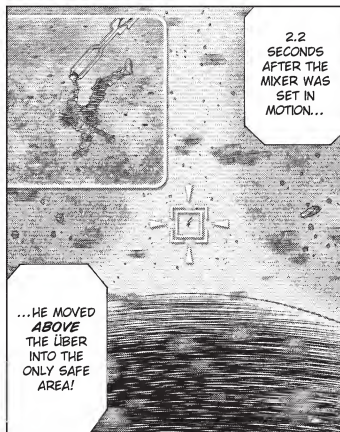
I'M A
LITTLE
PICKY
WHEN IT
COMES TO
SPIN!





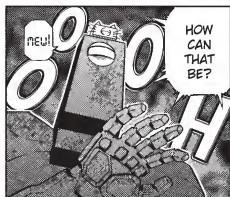
IT WAS
THE GIANT
ÜBERBALL
THAT GOT
PULVERIZED!

WOW!

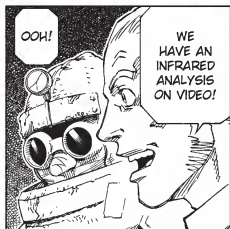


2.2
SECONDS
AFTER THE
MIXER WAS
SET IN
MOTION...

...HE MOVED
ABOVE
THE ÜBER
INTO THE
ONLY SAFE
AREA!

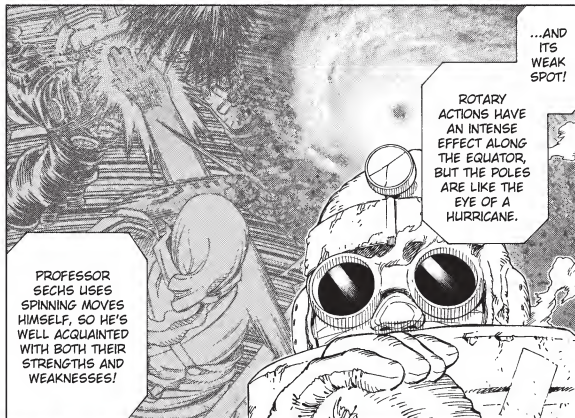


HOW
CAN
THAT
BE?



OOH!

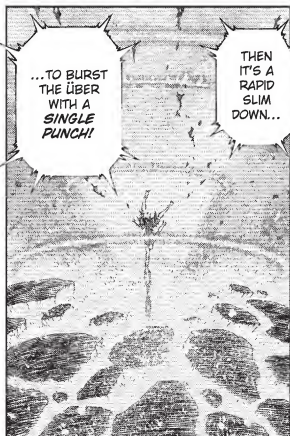
WE
HAVE AN
INFRARED
ANALYSIS
ON VIDEO!



...AND
ITS
WEAK
SPOT!

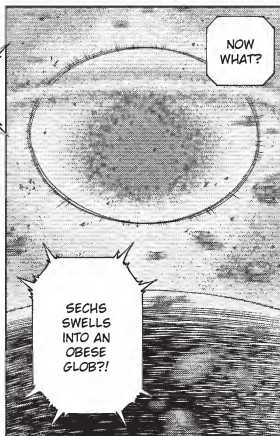
ROTARY
ACTIONS HAVE
AN INTENSE
EFFECT ALONG
THE EQUATOR,
BUT THE POLES
ARE LIKE THE
EYE OF A
HURRICANE.

PROFESSOR
SECHS USES
SPINNING MOVES
HIMSELF, SO HE'S
WELL ACQUAINTED
WITH BOTH THEIR
STRENGTHS AND
WEAKNESSES!



...TO BURST
THE ÜBER
WITH A
SINGLE
PUNCH!

THEN
IT'S A
RAPID
SLIM
DOWN...



NOW
WHAT?

SECHS
SWELLS
INTO AN
OBESE
GLOB?!

OOOOH

HEY!
CALL IT
THE
"IMPLOSION
FIST"!



WOW!
IT'S THE
FIRST
SUPER
DIET
WEIGHT
LOSS
PUNCH!

TO
ALTO-IMPMODE
WITH A MARGIN
OF ERROR
COUNTED IN
NANOSECONDS*
AIN'T AS EASY
AS IT SEEMS.

TOOK ME A
GOOD FOUR
YEARS TO
MASTER...

BY
TIMING THE
IMPLOSION
LENS EFFECT,
HE AMPED
THE PUNCH
10,000-FOLD!

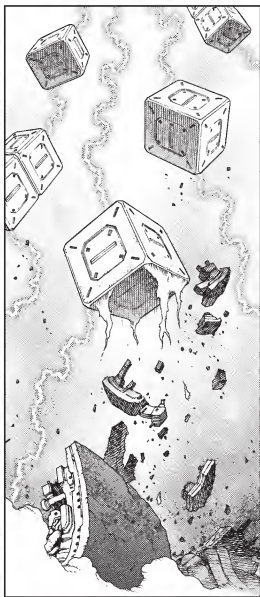
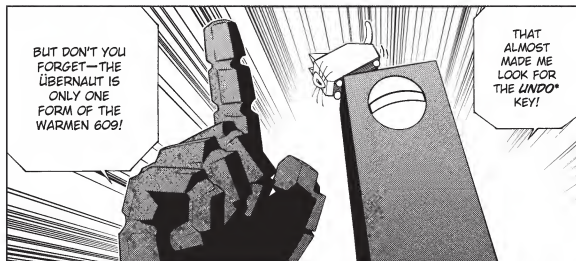


WELL...I'D
SAY HE'S
OUT OF
DIAPERS AT
LAST!

heh

SO THE KID'S
FINALLY GOT
THE KNACK
OF THE
FIZZIROY
BODY!

*Nanosecond: One billionth (10^{-9}) of a second.



*Undo: The function to reverse the most recent change during software use. It doesn't work on real life, sadly...

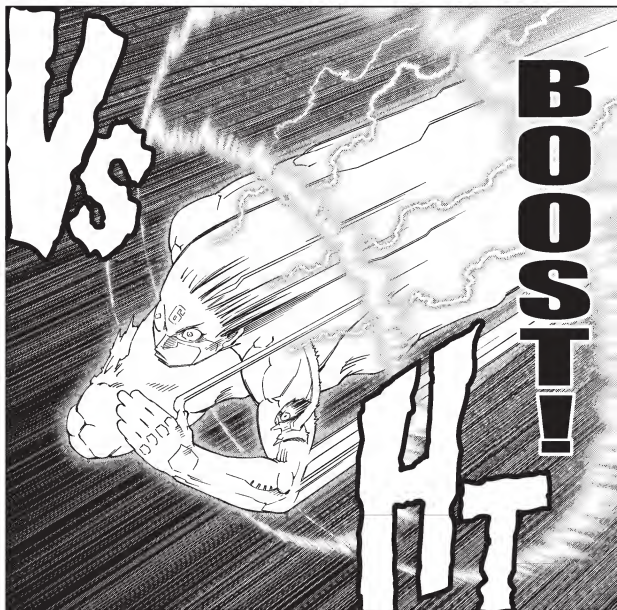
VRRR

609

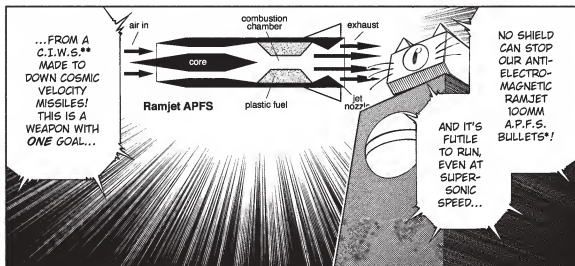
WARMEN
609'S
NEXT
FORM..

...THE
MILITARY
TRIPOD
UNIT WE
CALL...
VOYNA!

Wooo

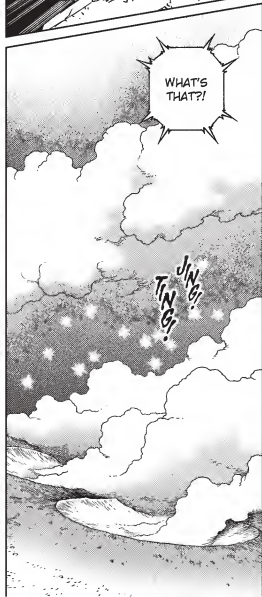
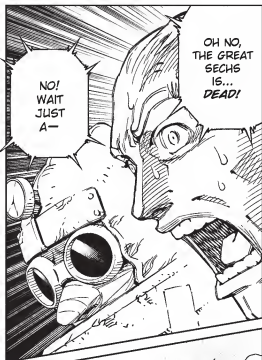






*Ramjet A.P.F.S. bullets: Armor-piercing bullets with a ramjet engine. Drag decelerates a normal shell the moment it's fired from the barrel, but ramjet bullets can maintain ultra-supersonic speed for a long range.

**Close-In Weapon System.



SKA

ZANG

BRAT
TA

VIP VIP VIP VIP



LIKE I
THOUGHT,
THE THING'S
SENSORS
CAN'T TELL A
PLASMA DECOY
FROM THE
REAL THING!

TRY
THESE
**SECHS
SPECIAL
PLASMA
DECOYS!**

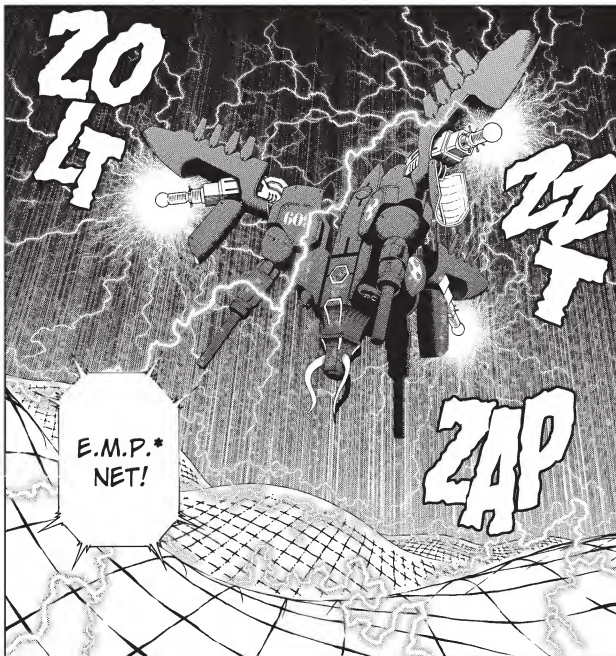
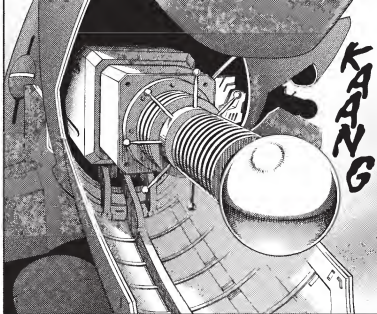
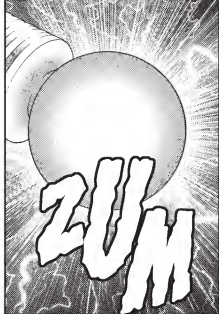


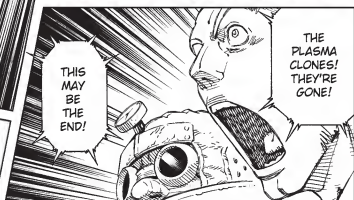
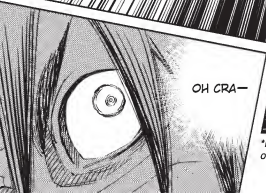
...LIKE
THIS!

FLARES*!
WHAT A
SADLY
SIMPLE
TRICK.

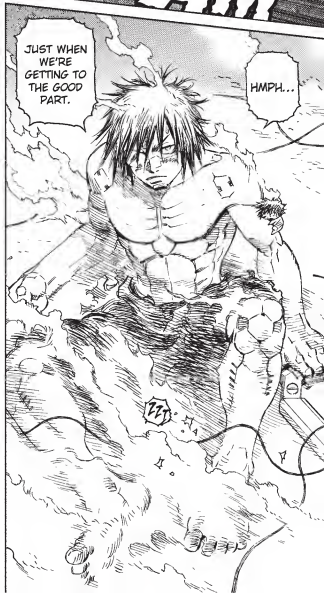
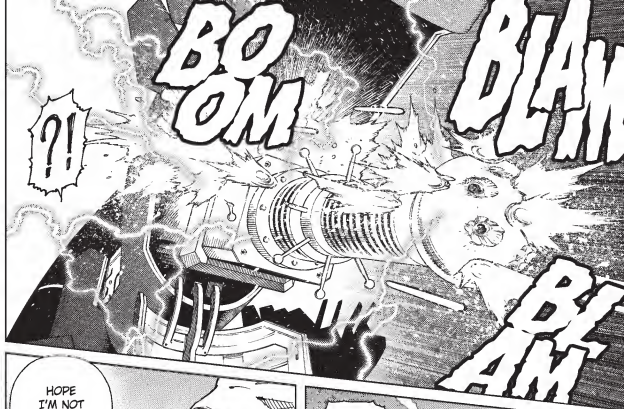
BUT
HUNTERS
HAVE
ALWAYS
BROUGHT
DOWN BIRDS
AND BEASTS
EVEN FASTER
THAN YOU...

*Flares: Usually composed of burning magnesium, a type of countermeasure used by airplanes to divert the targeting system of infrared-guided missiles. Plasma Decoys also trick optical sensors and radar.





*E.M.P.: Electromagnetic Pulse. Can destroy electronics and paralyze nerves in one burst of energy.

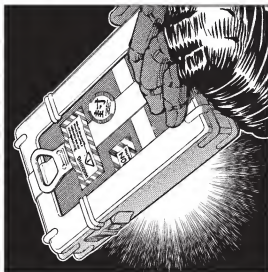




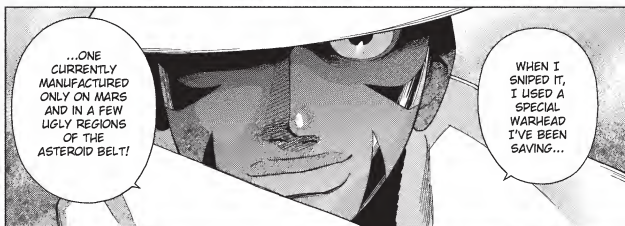
I KNEW
YOU'D
COME!

HEH.

SH
A







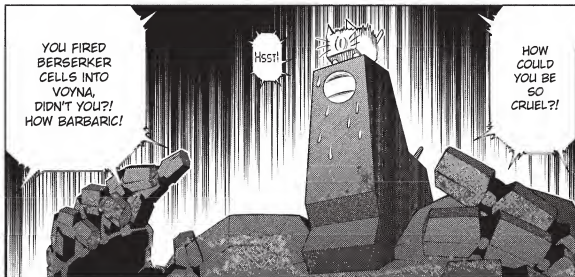


GR
AA
AA
AA
AA

GOO

KLN
KSH

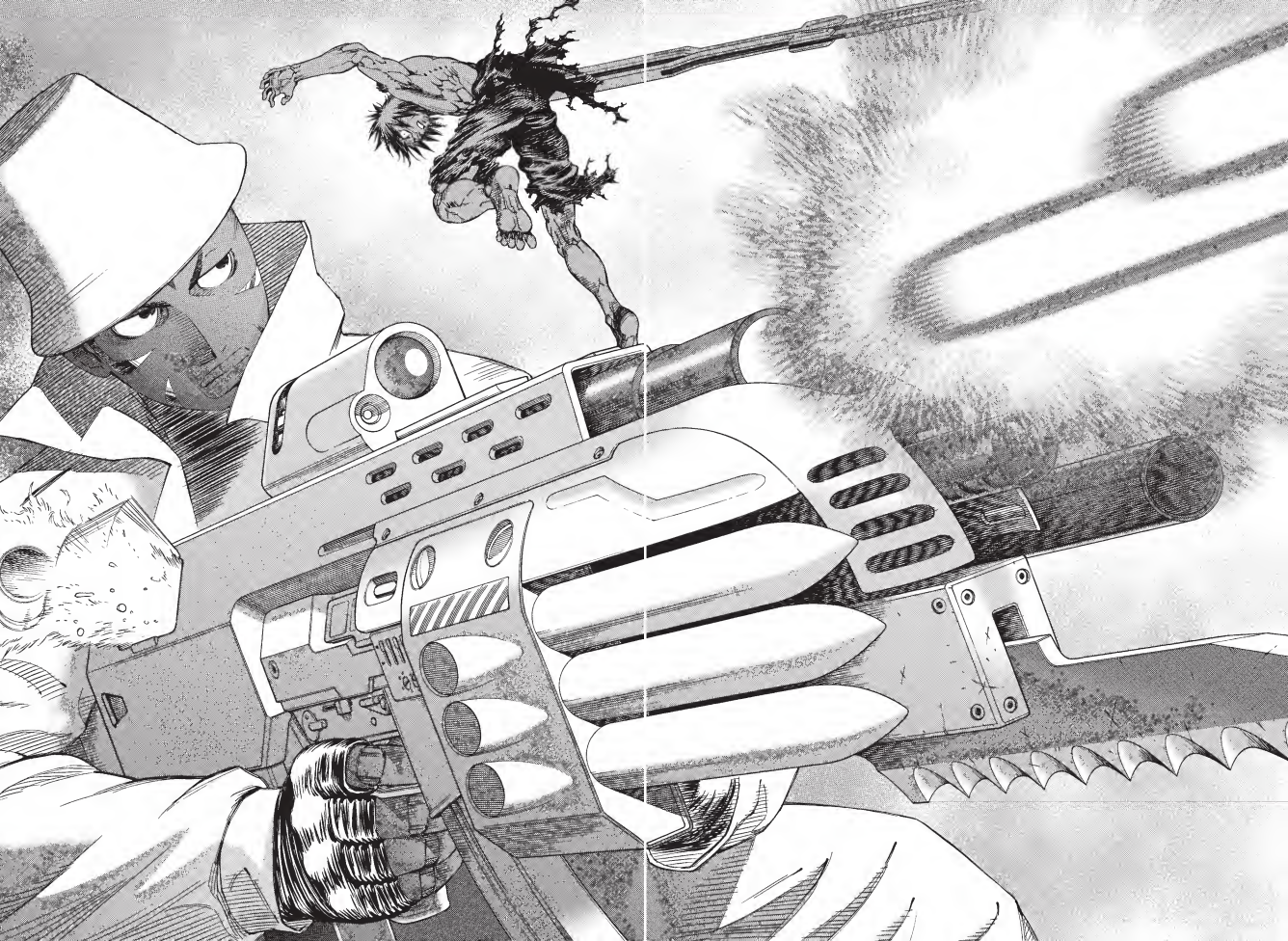
SOME-
THING'S
GOING
ON WITH
VOYNA!
BUT
WHAT?!



*2-4-5 Trioxin: A gas that zombifies corpses. Developed by the US army in 1969. © Dan O'Bannon.

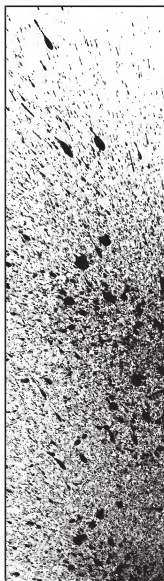
**P.I.P.T.: Parasitic Intention Plant Trooper. © Tsutomu Kishiro.





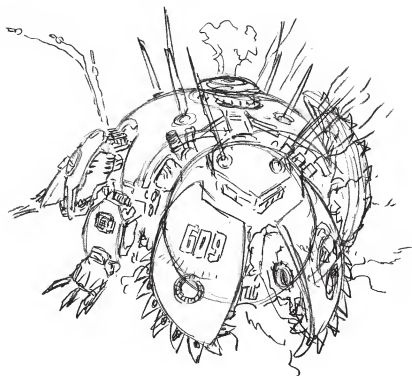
AN ARRAY OF
CORROSIVE
AGENTS
HAVE BEEN
SYNTHESIZED TO
DISSOLVE IT,
AND...

BERGERKER
CELLULAR
MATTER
HAS BEEN
COMPLETELY
ANALYZED...



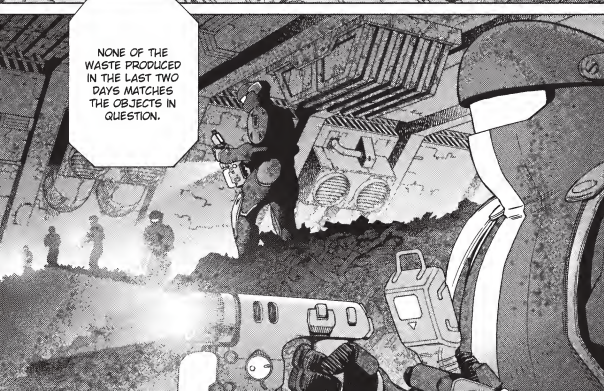
...IN CASE IT
COMES TO
THAT, I'M
LICENSED AS A
CLASS-A
BERSERKER
HUNTER!



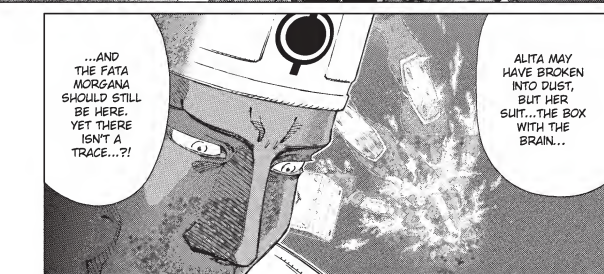




SEARCH OF
ALL BLOCKS
COMPLETE.



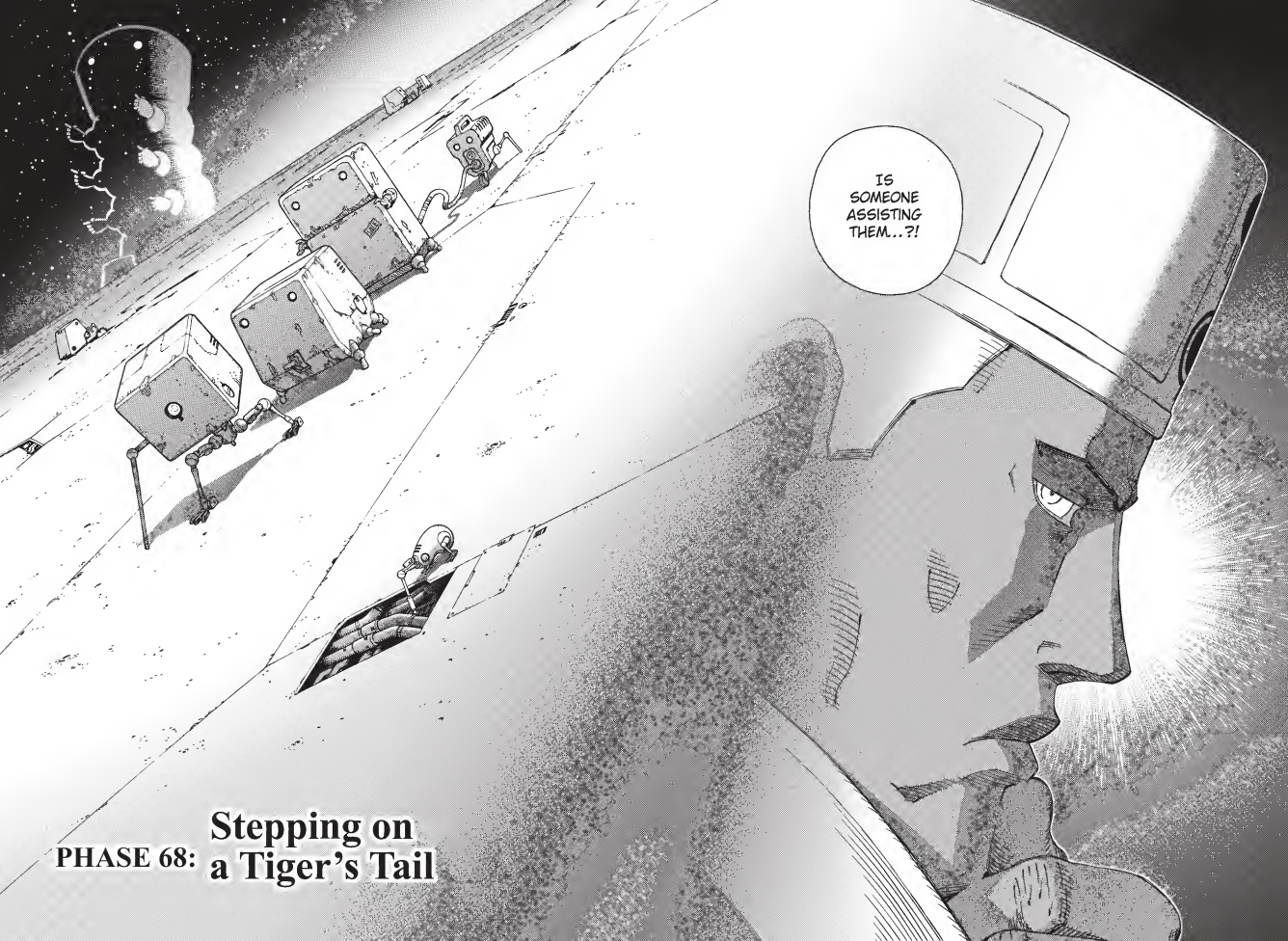
NONE OF THE
WASTE PRODUCED
IN THE LAST TWO
DAYS MATCHES
THE OBJECTS IN
QUESTION.



...AND
THE FATA
MORGANA
SHOULD STILL
BE HERE.
YET THERE
ISN'T A
TRACE...?!

ALITA MAY
HAVE BROKEN
INTO DUST,
BUT HER
SUIT...THE BOX
WITH THE
BRAIN...

PHASE 68: Stepping on a Tiger's Tail



IS
SOMEONE
ASSISTING
THEM...?!

PHASE 68: Stepping on
a Tiger's Tail

THE MARTIAN
WARRIOR
WHO FOUGHT
ALONGSIDE ALITA
ON LEVIATHAN I
TWO MONTHS AGO!
CHECK OUT THIS
PREVIOUSLY
UNSEEN FOOTAGE!

SUDDEN
BACK-UP
FOR THE
SPACE
ANGELS—
AND IT'S
ZAZIE!

AN ELITE
SOLDIER
WHO TAKES
ON ANY
CHALLENGE
WITH A
LEVEL
HEAD!

SHE
HAS ALL
MANNER
OF
FIREARMS
UNDER
HER
COAT.

SHE EVEN
DEFEATED
HOGAN, A
SPACE
KARATE
MASTER!

NOW
I HAVE NO
REGRETS IN
LIFE!

YAY!

YOU
WANTED TO
BE ON TV
THAT BAD?

GO, ZAZIE!

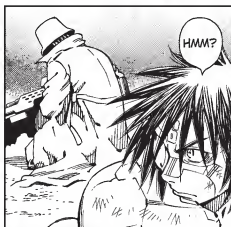
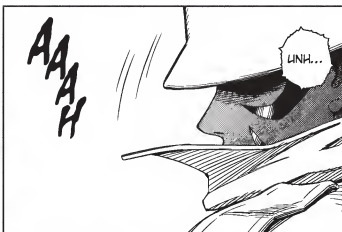
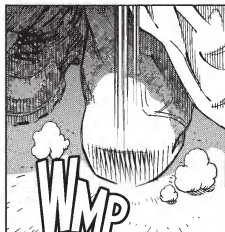
ZAZIE!

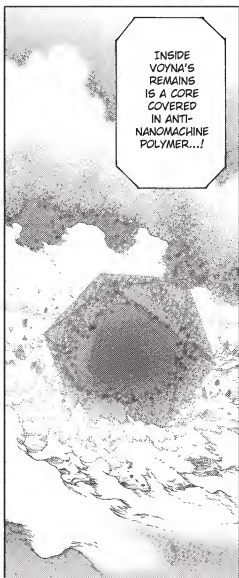
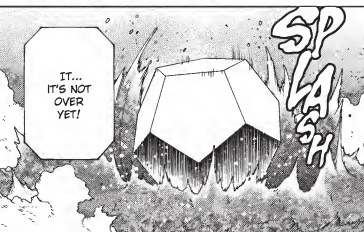
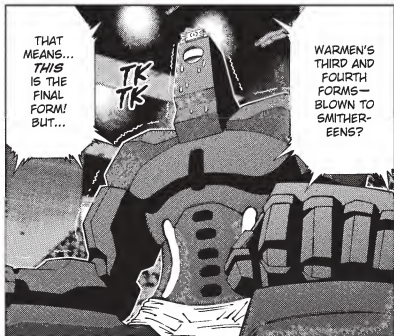


SECHS!
ARE YOU
SULKING?

NO.
I...

WHO KNOWS?



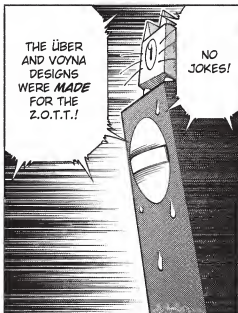




THE LAST
BASTION
OF THE
JUPITER
UNION!

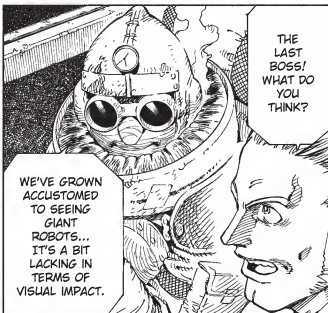
GSS-
KAH-

WARMEN
609'S
FINAL
FORM...
TUNGUSKA!



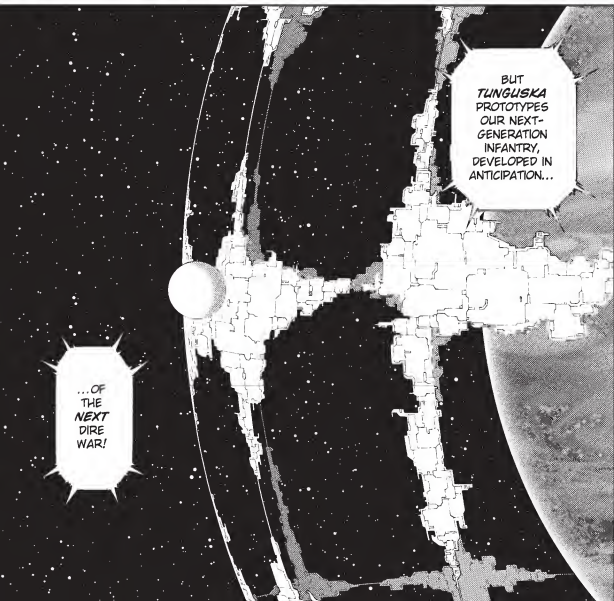
THE ÜBER
AND VOYNA
DESIGNS
WERE MADE
FOR THE
Z.O.T.T.!

NO
JOKES!



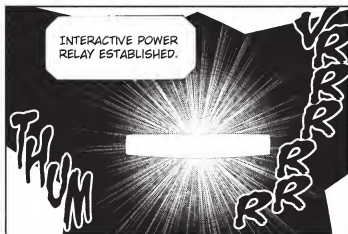
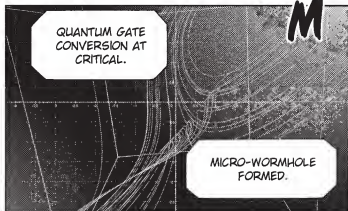
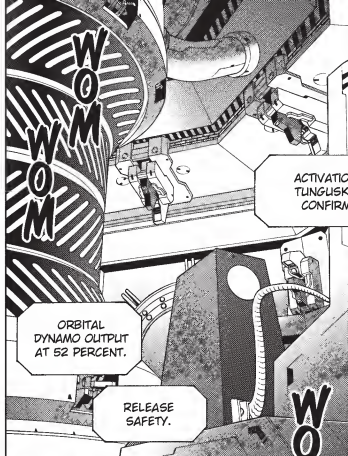
THE
LAST
BOSS!
WHAT DO
YOU
THINK?

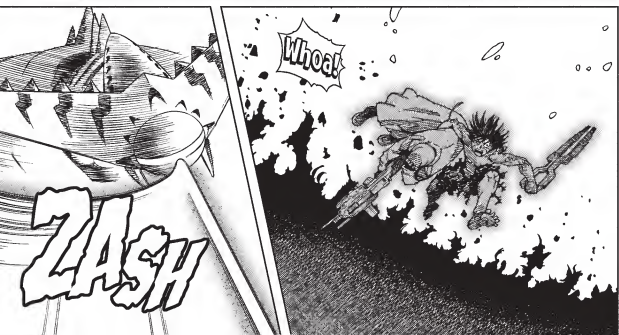
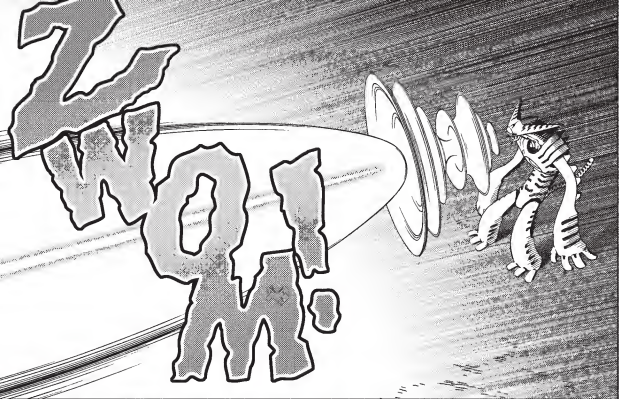
WE'VE GROWN
ACCUSTOMED
TO SEEING
GIANT
ROBOTS...
IT'S A BIT
LACKING IN
TERMS OF
VISUAL IMPACT.

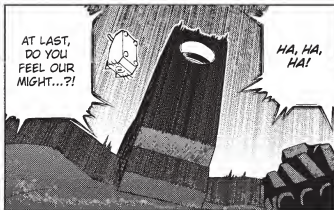
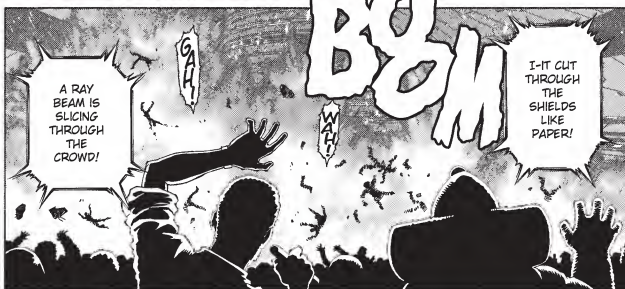


BUT
TUNGUSKA
PROTOTYPES
OUR NEXT-
GENERATION
INFANTRY,
DEVELOPED IN
ANTICIPATION...

...OF
THE
NEXT
DIRE
WAR!







IT'S ONLY
POSSIBLE
BECAUSE OF THE
LIMITLESS
ENERGY
FURNISHED BY
OUR DISTANT
HOMEWORLD
THROUGH AN
INTERNAL
WORMHOLE
REACTOR CORE!

HA HA HA HA

IT'S THE
ABSOLUTE
VICTORY,
NATION
PURGING
BEAM CANNON—
THE **JUPITER**
BEAM FOR
SHORT!

OF COURSE,
ANYONE WHO
HAS LEARNED
THESE
MILITARY
SECRETS...

G-GET
OUTTA
HERE!

YIKES!

WUNK

...MUST
SURELY
DI—

MR.
MBADI,
IT'S A
CODE
RED!

FOON

I WAS
CARELESS...
DIDN'T EXPECT
THE SPACE
ANGELS TO PUSH
THE JOVIAN TEAM
SO FAR!

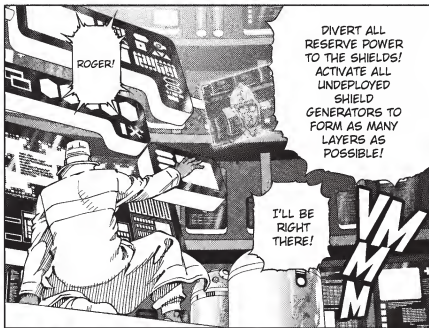


ROGER!

DIVERT ALL
RESERVE POWER
TO THE SHIELDS!
ACTIVATE ALL
UNDEPLOYED
SHIELD
GENERATORS TO
FORM AS MANY
LAYERS AS
POSSIBLE!

I'LL BE
RIGHT
THERE!

MM
MM
MM

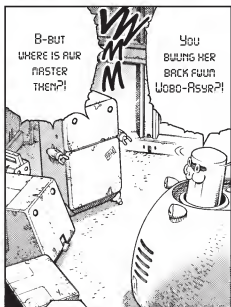
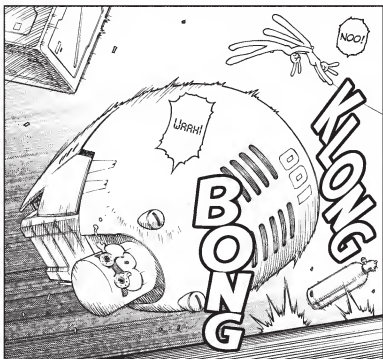
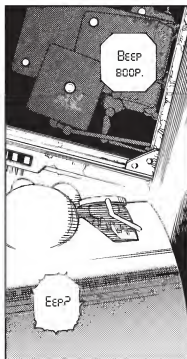


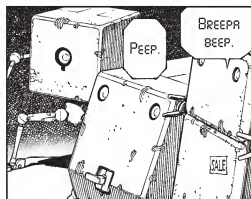
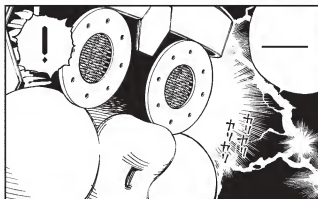
KATANG

THEY'RE
STEPPING
ON A
TIGER'S
TAIL!

FWOON

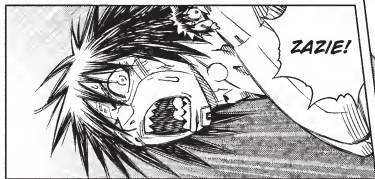


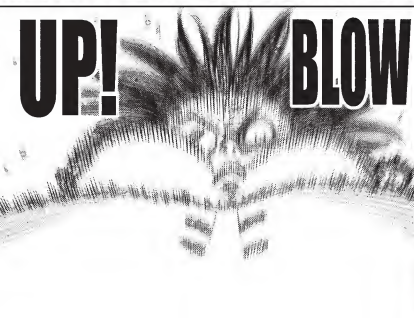
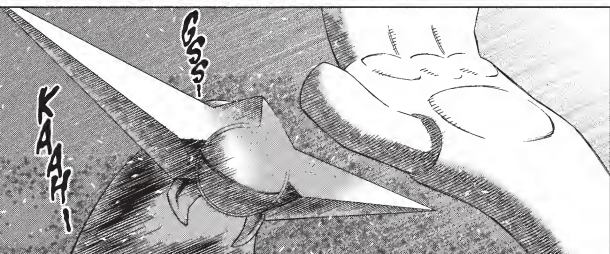


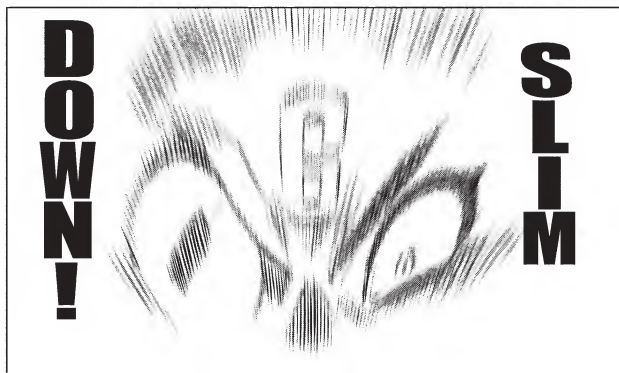




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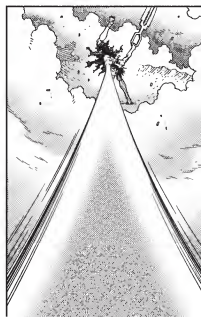
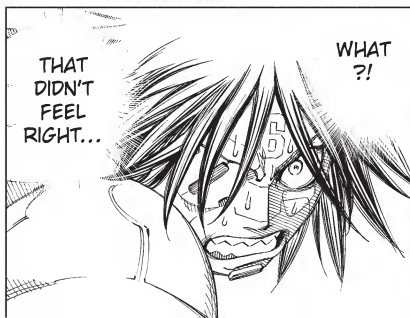
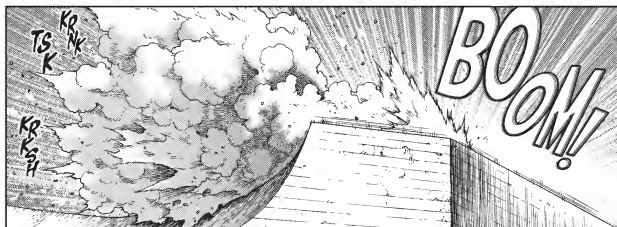


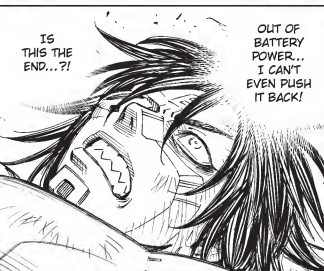
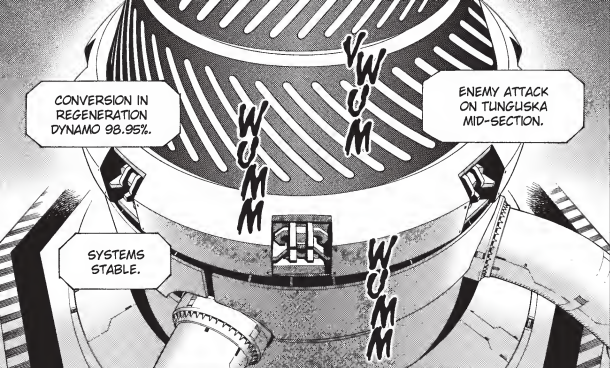


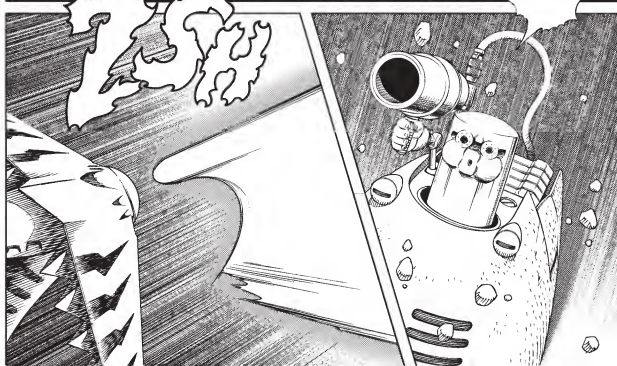


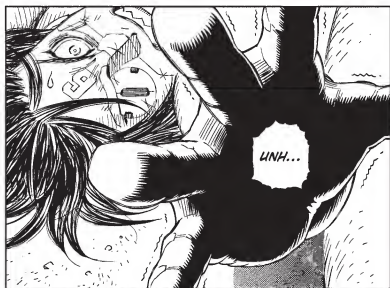
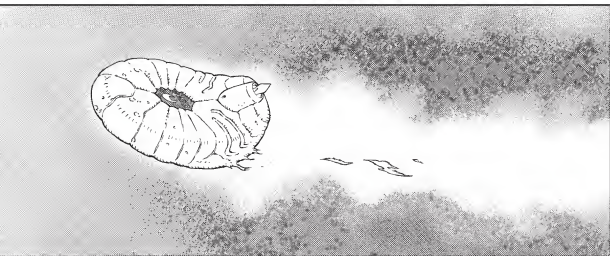
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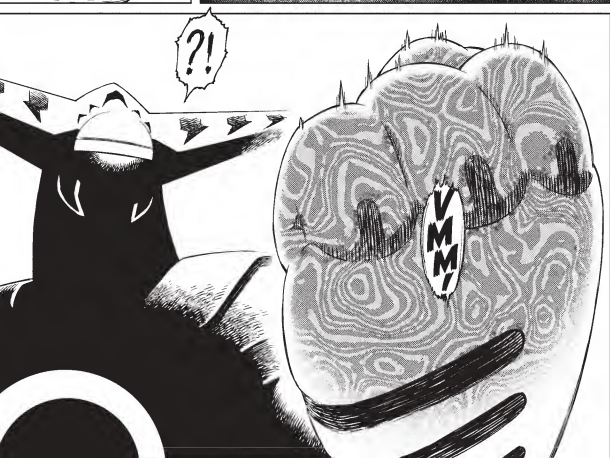
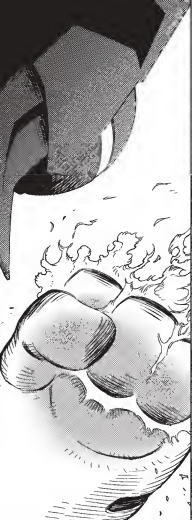
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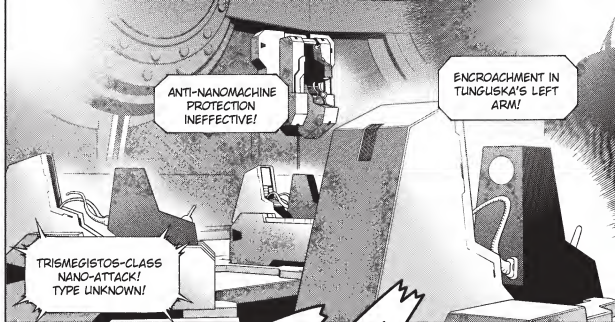








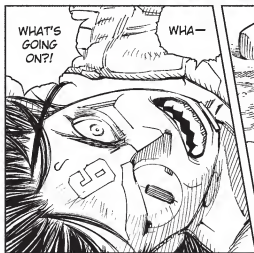
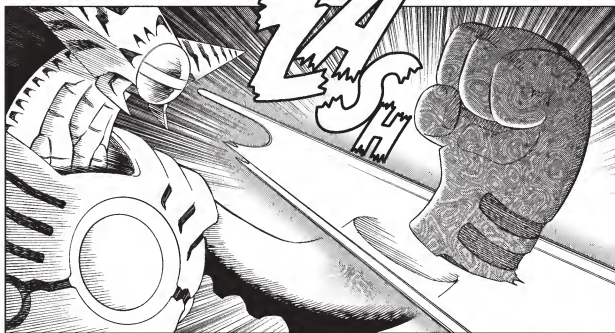




ANTI-NANOMACHINE
PROTECTION
INEFFECTIVE!

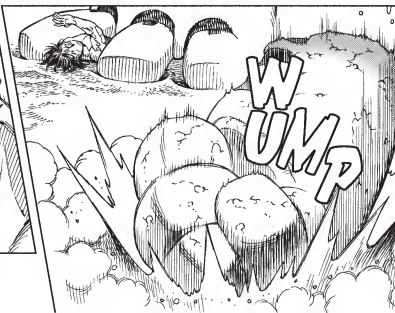
ENCROACHMENT IN
TUNGUSKA'S LEFT
ARM!

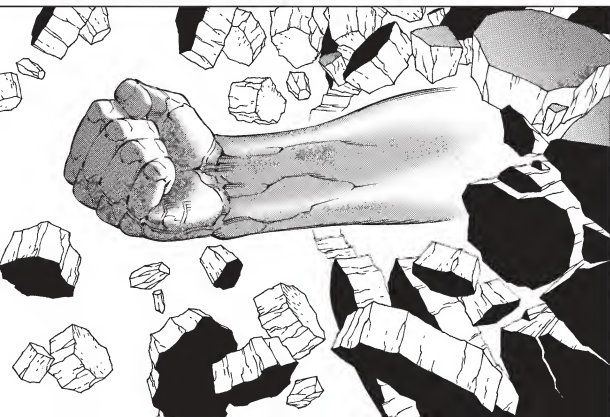
TRISMEGISTOS-CLASS
NANO-ATTACK!
TYPE UNKNOWN!



WHAT'S
GOING
ON?!

WHA—











...HOW
IS THIS
POSSIBLE
?!

GYA,
HA, HA,
HA!

BUT
HOW...



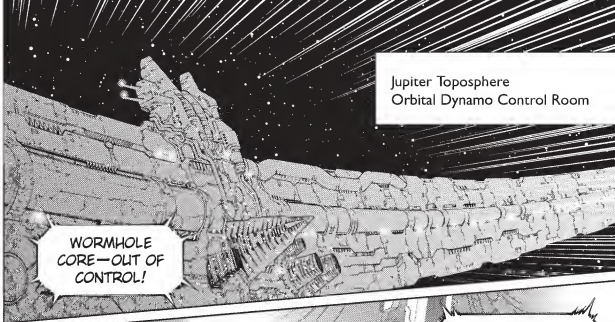
...IS FAR
BEYOND THE
CAPABILITIES
OF THE
BRAIN
BIO-CHIP!

RECON-
STRUCTING
HER BODY
FROM
SCRATCH...

PHASE 69:
Once Again to the World of Combat



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Once Again to the World of Combat



Jupiter Toposphere
Orbital Dynamo Control Room

WORMHOLE
CORE—OUT OF
CONTROL!

THIS SYSTEM
IS BREACHED!

SEVER THE QUANTUM
LINK WITH TUNGUSKA!

WE CAN'T!



GYAAH!

W-WHAT'S
HAPPENING?!

SLASH
SLASH
SLASH

SEND A MESSAGE
TO CENTRAL
COMMAND!

UNKNOWN
NANOMACHINE
ATTACKING VIA
HYPERSPACE...

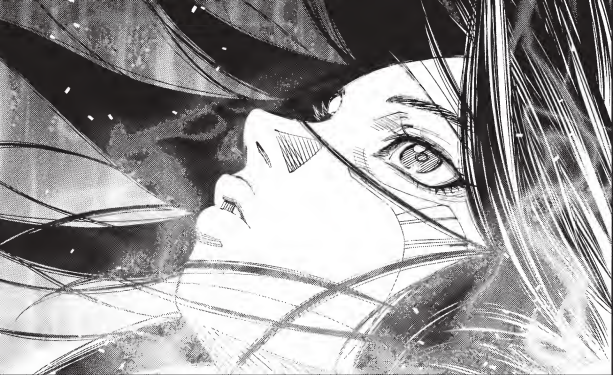
ZASH!
ZASH!



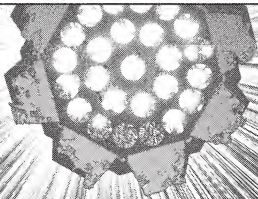
ZZAK

ZOLT

ZZZT

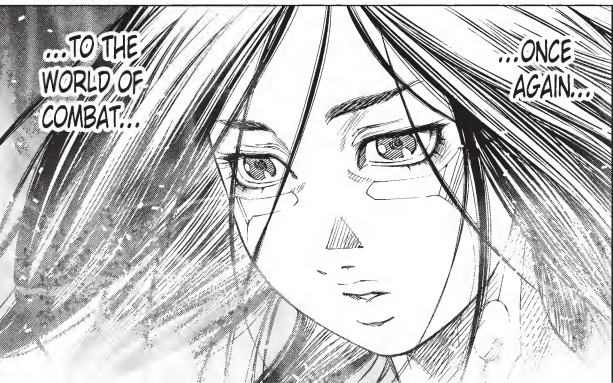


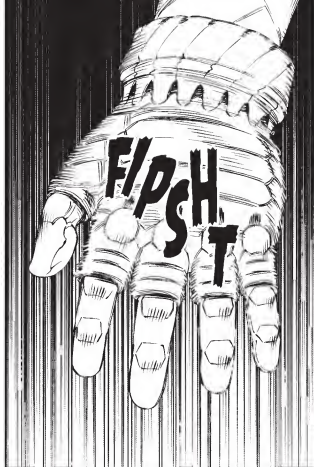
I'VE
RETURNED...

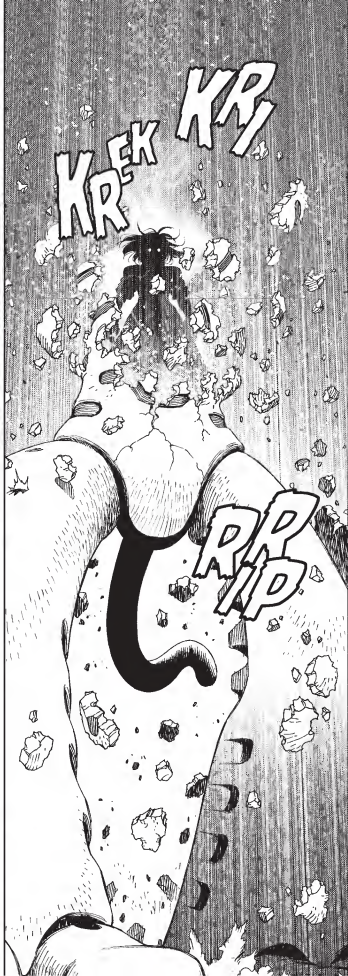
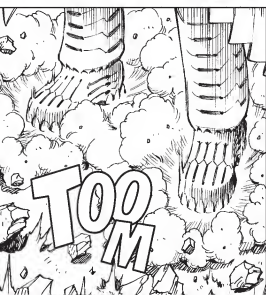
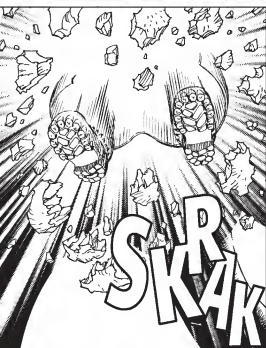


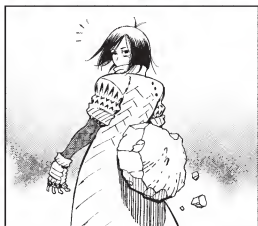
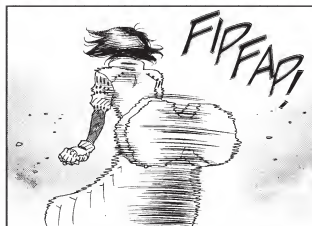
...TO THE
WORLD OF
COMBAT...

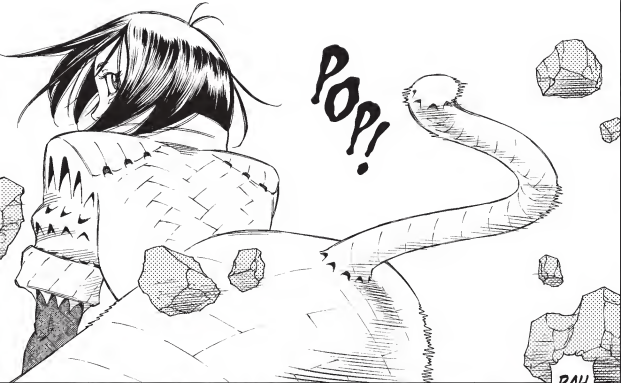
...ONCE
AGAIN...

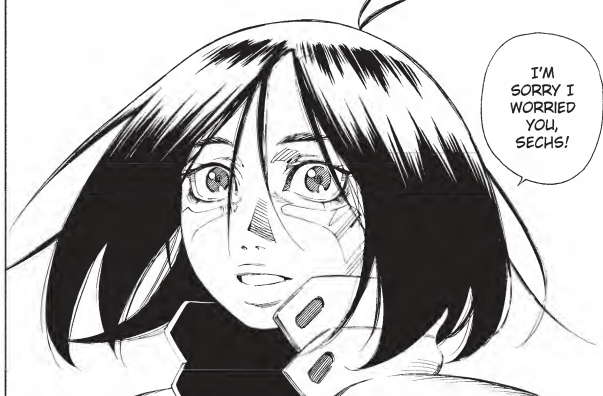








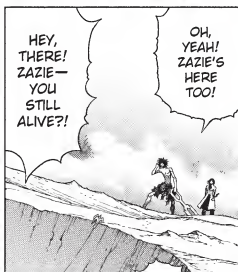




I'M
SORRY I
WORRIED
YOU,
SECHS!

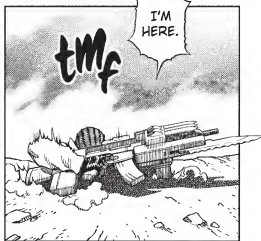


SO...
WE MEET
AGAIN!



HEY,
THERE!
ZAZIE—
YOU
STILL
ALIVE?!

OH,
YEAH!
ZAZIE'S
HERE
TOO!



I'M
HERE.

tmf

COMBAT
CTV

THERE
YOU
HAVE
IT!

ALITA
IN THE
FLESH,
ALIVE
AFTER
ALL!

►LIVE►



WE'VE
CALLED
IT FOR
THEM...

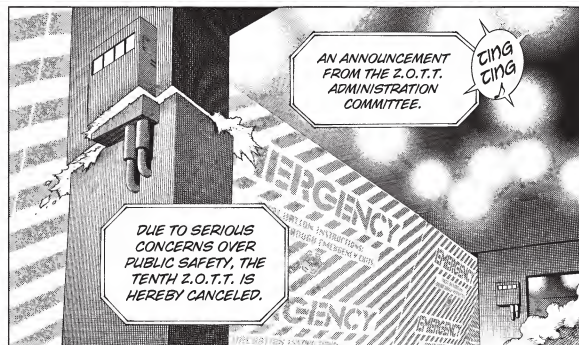
THE
FIRST
CIVILIAN
TEAM TO
WIN THE
SEMI-
FINALS!

HAD TO
VACATE,
SO WE
MISSED
THE BIG
MOMENT,
BUT...

...ALTHOUGH
THERE'S NO
OFFICIAL DISPLAY
YET! THE JUDGES
MUST HAVE BEEN
THROWN INTO
CONFUSION BY
THE LASERS.

...ALITA'S
HERE AND
NOW TUN-
GUSKA IS IN
SMITHEREENS!
IT'S BEEN
ONE FOR
THE HISTORY
BOOKS!

OOOOH



PLEASE EVACUATE
THE ONION
FRAME—IMMEDIATELY!

THE TENTH Z.O.T.T.
IS NOW CLOSED.

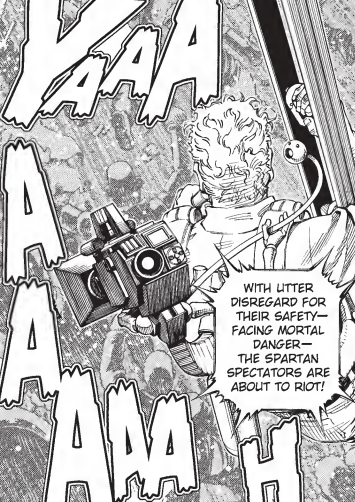
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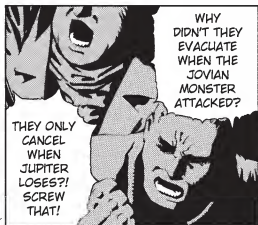
EVACUATION I
EVACUATE THROUGH

WHAT
THE—?!





WITH UTTER
DISREGARD FOR
THEIR SAFETY—
FACING MORTAL
DANGER—
THE SPARTAN
SPECTATORS ARE
ABOUT TO RIOT!



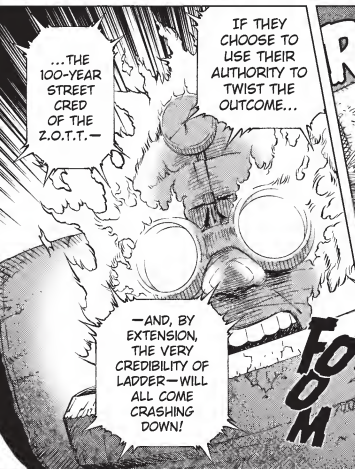
WHY
DIDN'T THEY
EVACUATE
WHEN THE
JOVIAN
MONSTER
ATTACKED?

THEY ONLY
CANCEL
WHEN
JUPITER
LOSES?!
SCREW
THAT!



WE PAID
Z.O.T.T.
INSURANCE
TO SEE
THIS
THING!

WE
WANNA
WATCH
IT ALL!



...THE
100-YEAR
STREET
CRED
OF THE
Z.O.T.T.—

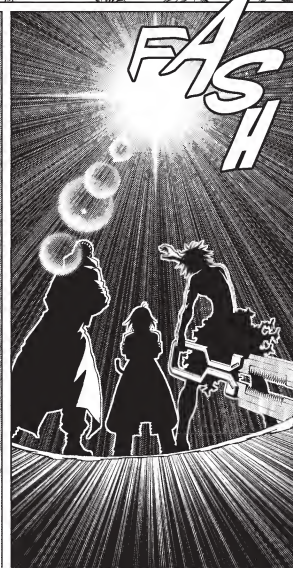
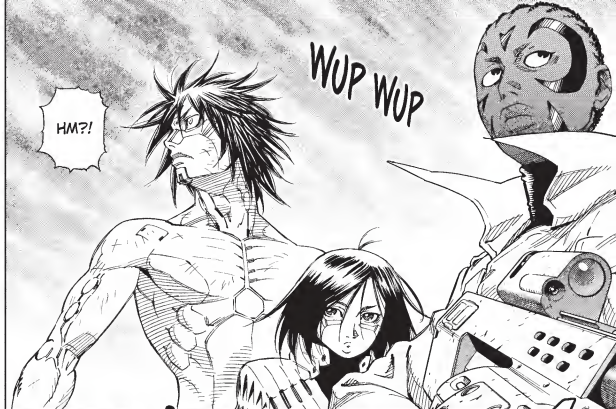
IF THEY
CHOOSE TO
USE THEIR
AUTHORITY TO
TWIST THE
OUTCOME...

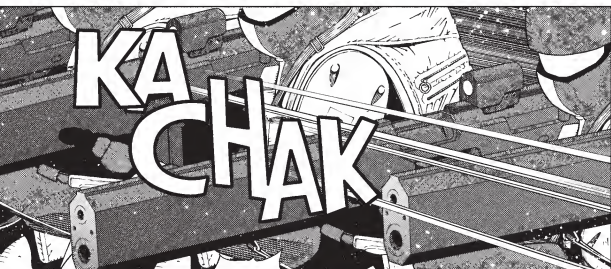
—AND, BY
EXTENSION,
THE VERY
CREDIBILITY OF
LADDER—WILL
ALL COME
CRASHING
DOWN!



WE HERE
AT CTV WILL
NOT ACCEPT
THIS
OUTRAGE!

THE SPACE
ANGELS
VICTORY
SHOULD BE
ANNOUNCED!







THE
TOURNAMENT
HAS BEEN
CANCELLED.

TMM
P

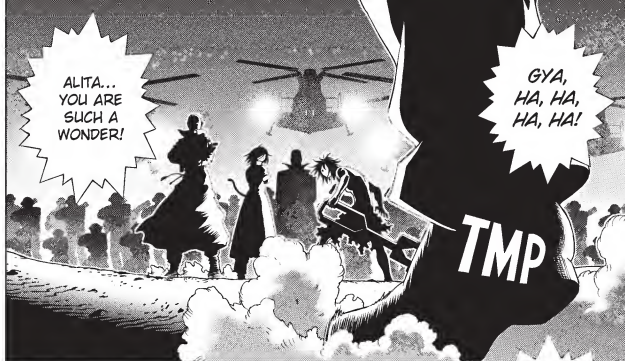
TMM
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...YOU ARE
UNDER ARREST,
CHARGED
WITH BEING
A MENACE TO
INTERPLANETARY
PUBLIC SAFETY!

AS
FOR YOU,
ALITA...

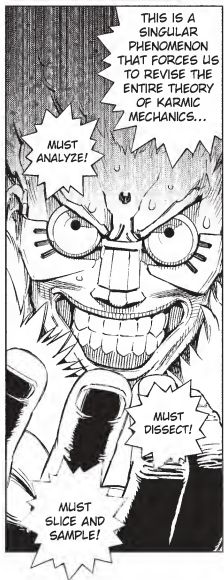




ALITA...
YOU ARE
SUCH A
WONDER!

GYA,
HA, HA,
HA, HA!

TMP



THIS IS A
SINGULAR
PHENOMENON
THAT FORCES US
TO REVISE THE
ENTIRE THEORY
OF KARMIC
MECHANICS...

MUST
ANALYZE!

MUST
DISSECT!

MUST
SLICE AND
SAMPLE!



THOSE
IMAGINOS
CELLS ARE
COMPLETELY
DIFFERENT
FROM MY
ORIGINAL
DESIGNS...

...SOME
SORT OF
IMAGINOS 2.0,
AS IT
WERE!

TMP

TMP



FORCING
OUR WAY
THROUGH
SHOULDN'T BE
HARD WITH THE
THREE OF US.

HOO,
BOY... SO
WHAT NOW,
ALITA?

THEN
AGAIN—I'M A
MILLION TIMES
STRONGER
THAN BEFORE.
I DOUBT I'D
LOSE NOW!

HE MAY NOT
LOOK IT, BUT
THE DUDE WITH
THE CHIN IS
DANGEROUS,
ZAZIE!
HE CAN HACK
BODIES!



I'VE GOT
ENOUGH JUICE
LEFT TO MOW
DOWN A
COUPLE
HUNDRED RANK
AND FILE!

RUNNING
LOW ON
BATTERIES,
THOUGH...
BUT NO
PROBLEM!



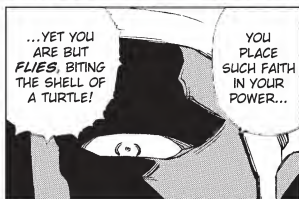


...I
...I CAN'T
MOVE!
PARALYZED!

UH-OH!
SPOKE TOO
SOON...

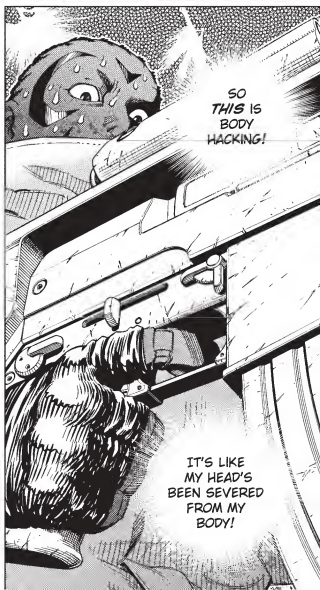


HMPH...
SCUM.



...YET YOU
ARE BUT
FLIES, BITING
THE SHELL OF
A TURTLE!

YOU
PLACE
SUCH FAITH
IN YOUR
POWER...



SO
THIS IS
BODY
HACKING!

IT'S LIKE
MY HEAD'S
BEEN SEVERED
FROM MY
BODY!

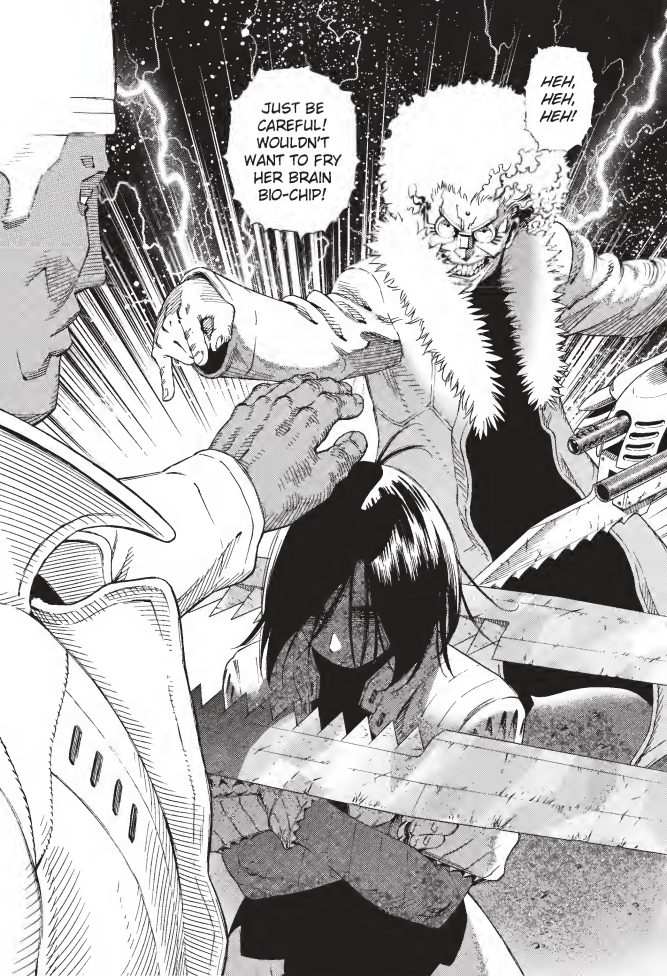
**ALITA,
RUN!**

**I CAN'T
EVEN
LIFT A
FINGER!**

**URGH!
I GOT SO
STRONG...
AND FOR
WHAT?!**

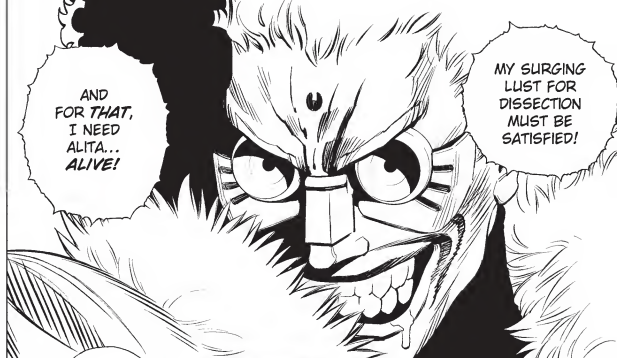






JUST BE
CAREFUL!
WOULDN'T
WANT TO FRY
HER BRAIN
BIO-CHIP!

HEH,
HEH,
HEH!



AND
FOR THAT,
I NEED
ALITA...
ALIVE!

MY SURGING
LUST FOR
DISSECTION
MUST BE
SATISFIED!



ONCE IT IS
MINE, I HAVE
NO USE FOR
THE ANGELS.
DO WITH
THEM WHAT
YOU WILL...

THE FATA
MORGANA
IS ALL THAT
I DESIRE.





WHAT
MAKES
YOU
THINK...

...THAT
MY FATE
IS IN YOUR
HANDS?

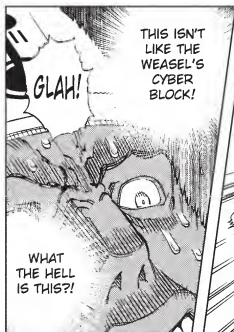




**YOU WILL
NOT CANCEL
IT AT YOUR
PLEASURE!**

**THE
ZENITH OF
THINGS IS OUR
WAR OF
INDEPENDENCE!**





PHASE 70: The Only One in the Universe

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The Only One in the Universe

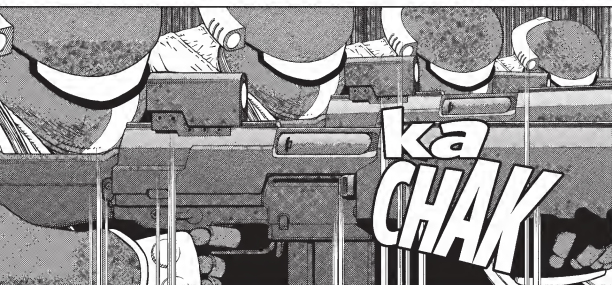
DON'T
UNDER-
ESTIMATE
ME!

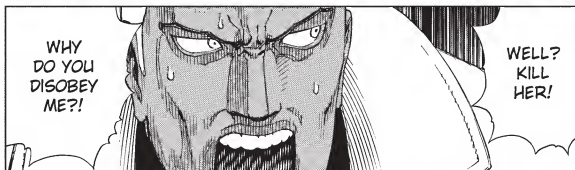
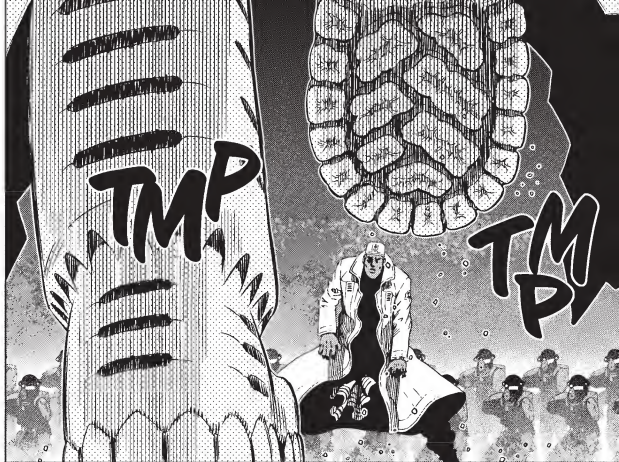






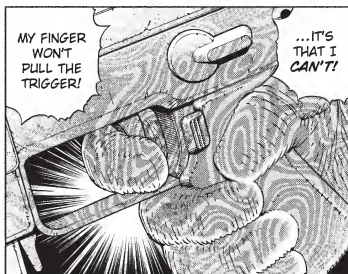






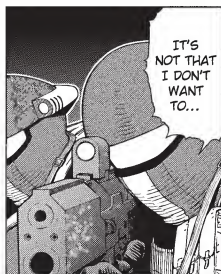
WHY
DO YOU
DISOBEY
ME?!

WELL?
KILL
HER!

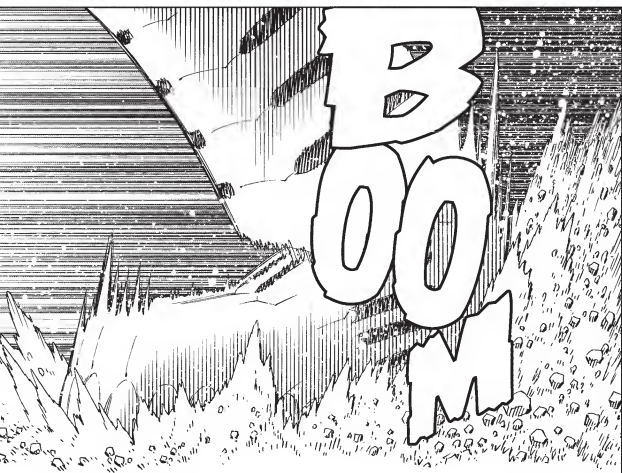
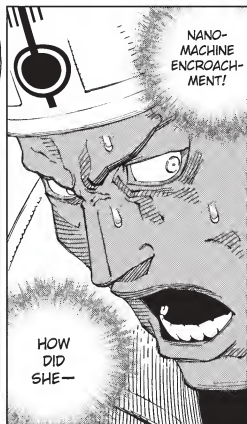


MY FINGER
WON'T
PULL THE
TRIGGER!

...IT'S
THAT I
CAN'T!



IT'S
NOT THAT
I DON'T
WANT
TO...





IT WILL STOP!



NEVER.

**THIS
BLOW
WILL
NEVER
REACH
ME!**

...TRINIDAD.

**FOR
I AM...**

...
RULER!

**KING
OF THE
CYBER
WORLD**
...

...
**NONE
DARE
DEFY
ME.**

**WHER-
EVER
ELEC-
TRONS
FLOW
THROUGH
CORDS**
...

**I
RULE
THEM
ALL.**

**YOUR
NEURAL
IMPULSES
BELONG
TO ME.
BONES,
BLOOD,
MUSCLE**
...



**EVERY
BREATH
AND
HEART-
BEAT IS
MINE TO
CON-
TROL...**



**...AND
EVERY
MOVE-
MENT
MUST
BESEECH
MY
CONSENT.**

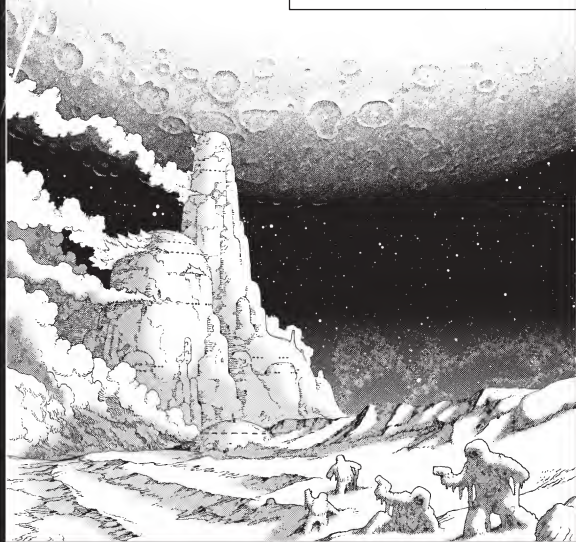
**WH
M**

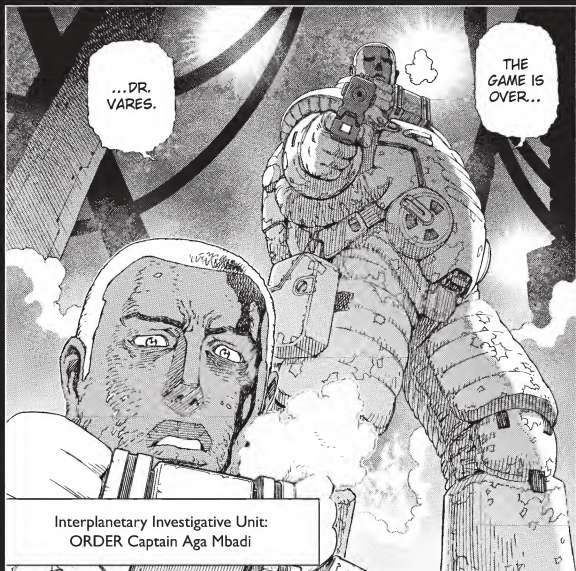


I AM
ORDER
ITSELF!

I AM
TRUE
POWER!

ES 473, Pluto







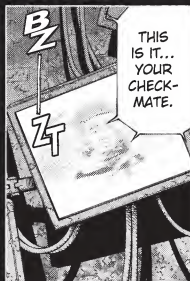
Dr. Jean Vares*

PLEASE!
H-HELP
ME...!



BUT IF THE
STRUGGLE TO
SURVIVE IS
TRULY
PROVIDENCE,
THEN THE
LOSER HAS NO
RIGHT TO LIVE.
AND YOU ARE
THE VICTOR.

IF YOU ARE
WATCHING THIS
RECORDING,
THEN I AM
SURELY
GROVELING AT
YOUR FEET,
PERHAPS EVEN
BEGGING FOR
MY LIFE.

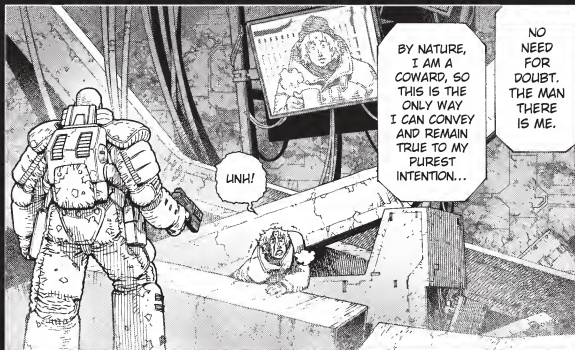


THIS
IS IT...
YOUR
CHECK-
MATE.



?!

**Dr. Jean Vares: Second Tipharean scientist created and selected by the GENE Project. Vares's string of nanotech terrorist acts from ES 469-472 killed over 20 million people. These events were later collectively known as the "Vares Hazard."*



BY NATURE,
I AM A
COWARD, SO
THIS IS THE
ONLY WAY
I CAN CONVEY
AND REMAIN
TRUE TO MY
PUREST
INTENTION...

NO
NEED
FOR
DOUBT.
THE MAN
THERE
IS ME.

UHH!



...ARE
LIVESTOCK.

HUMAN
BEINGS...

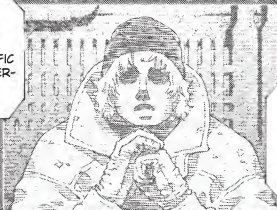


IN A
PERFECTED
SOCIETY,
HUMAN BEINGS
MUST
DOMESTICATE
THEMSELVES AS
LIVESTOCK.
THAT, MY FRIEND,
IS THE TRUTH.

THEY ARE
NOTHING
MORE THAN
BROILER
HENS
RAISED IN
CAGES,
FATED TO
BE MEAT.

...TO
MAKE
SCIENTIFIC
DISCOVER-
IES...

...TO AID
HUMAN-
KIND IN
ATTAINING
NEW
HEIGHTS.



I, TOO,
HAD
ORDINARY
DREAMS
ONCE.

TO
HAVE A
FAMILY
THAT
LOVED
ME...

I USED
MYSELF AS
THE TEST
SUBJECT...
TO PROVE
FREE WILL BY
BREAKING
DOWN
MY OWN
MORAL CODE.

AND SO I
BEGAN MY
EXPERIMENT.
I WOULD
DISCOVER
THE EXTENT
TO WHICH
LIVESTOCK
RESIST
THEIR OWN
NATURE.

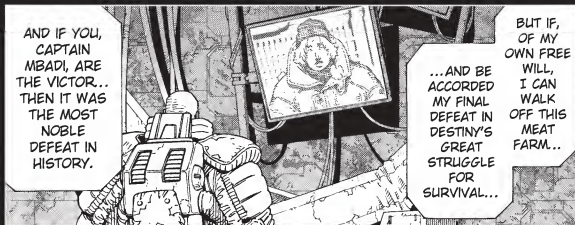
BUT
WHEN I
CAME
UPON THE
TRUTH,
I SAW
THOSE
VISIONS
WERE
EMPTY.

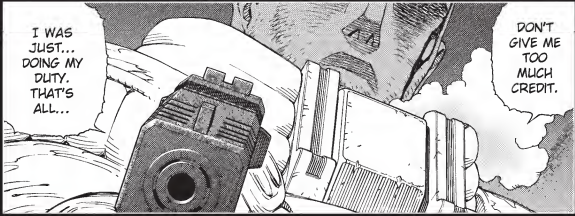
YOU
TOOK THE
LIVES OF
COUNTLESS
MILLIONS...

...EVEN
MY
MEN!

YOU MEAN
THAT WAS
THE MOTIVE
FOR YOUR
CRIMES...?!







I WAS
JUST...
DOING MY
DUTY.
THAT'S
ALL...

DON'T
GIVE ME
TOO
MUCH
CREDIT.



I WANTED
TO LIVE
A HAPPY
LIFE...
WITH MY
LOVED
ONES!

I NEVER
WANTED
SUCH A
BRUTAL
BATTLE.



...TO
TAKE AND
IMPLANT
MY BRAIN
BIO-CHIP
INTO YOUR
OWN SKULL.

AND NOW I
WOULD BE
PLEASED TO
HAVE THE
VICTOR ACCEPT
THE PRIZE I
OFFER
WILLINGLY
FROM THE
DEPTHS
OF MY
HEART.

AND
THAT
IS...

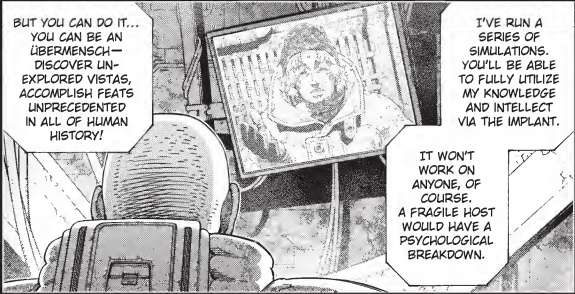


NO!
I-I
DON'T
WANT
TO DIE!

H-HE'S
TALKING
NONSENSE...
YOU CAN'T
TAKE HIM
SERIOUSLY!



TAKE
YOUR
BRAIN
BIO-
CHIP...
FOR
MYSELF?!



BUT YOU CAN DO IT...
YOU CAN BE AN
ÜBERMENSCH—
DISCOVER UN-
EXPLORED VISTAS,
ACCOMPLISH FEATS
UNPRECEDENTED
IN ALL OF HUMAN
HISTORY!

I'VE RUN A
SERIES OF
SIMULATIONS.
YOU'LL BE ABLE
TO FULLY UTILIZE
MY KNOWLEDGE
AND INTELLECT
VIA THE IMPLANT.

IT WON'T
WORK ON
ANYONE, OF
COURSE.
A FRAGILE HOST
WOULD HAVE A
PSYCHOLOGICAL
BREAKDOWN.

THAT'S
THE KIND
OF MAN
I AM.

BUT THAT
LOSER THERE
WOULD
BETRAY YOU!
HE WOULD
BRING DISASTER
TO THE WORLD
IF YOU LET
HIM LIVE!

TH...
THAT'S
A LIE!
YOU'VE
GOT TO
LISTEN
TO ME!

ONLY YOU
AND I REMAIN
ALIVE HERE
ON PLUTO.
AND THERE
ARE NO
FUNCTIONING
SPACESHIPS.

TO RETURN
HOME, OUR MINDS
WILL HAVE TO
COOPERATE TO
FIX THE SHIP.
WE'LL HAVE TO
SCRAPE TOGETHER
SOME FUEL AND
SAIL FOR MANY
MONTHS.

I HAVE ALL
THE EQUIPMENT
AND FACILITIES
YOU NEED RIGHT
HERE. YOU WILL
BE ABLE TO
ACCOMPLISH
THE TRANSFER
SINGLE-
HANDEDLY.

TO SURVIVE,
YOU MUST
REMOVE THE
BRAIN
BIO-CHIP
FROM THIS
FAILURE'S
SKULL AND
IMPLANT IT.



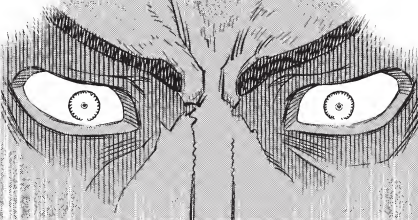
...IT IS
YOUR
DESTINY
TO BECOME
AN ÜBER-
MENSCH!

ACCEPT
YOUR
SPOILS!
HAVING
TRIUMPHED
OVER ME
ON PLUTO...



YOU WILL
RULE THE
WORLD THE
WAY YOU
SEE FIT...
ACCORDING TO
YOUR OWN
BELIEFS!

AGA MBADI,
YOU WILL
BE THE *TRUE*
RULER—WITH
DUAL POWERS
OF GOOD
AND EVIL!

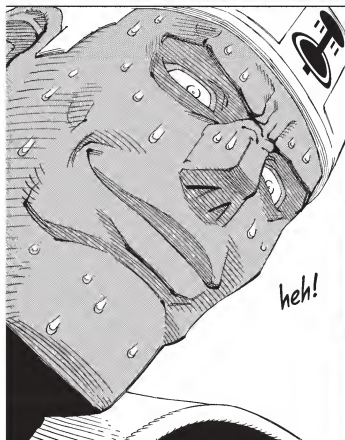


eeek!



Yee
ee







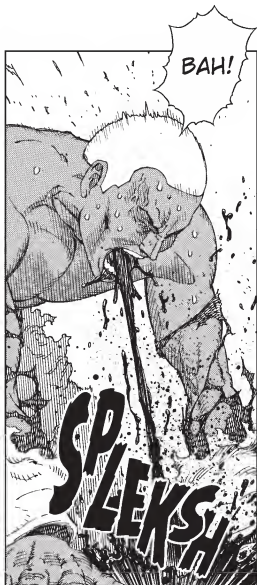
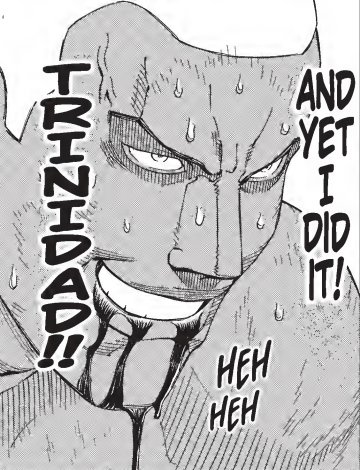
NO!



ARE
YOU ALL
RIGHT?!

WHOA,
CHIEF!

SLASH





OH, SURE...
I'M DYING
TO WALLOP
YOU, BUT...

TU P TU P



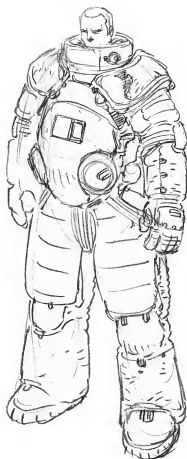
AM I
RIGHT
?!

...HOW
COULD WE
WIN THE
ZENITH OF
THINGS IF
YOU DIED?

SHE
WITH-
DREW
OF HER
OWN
FREE
WILL
?!



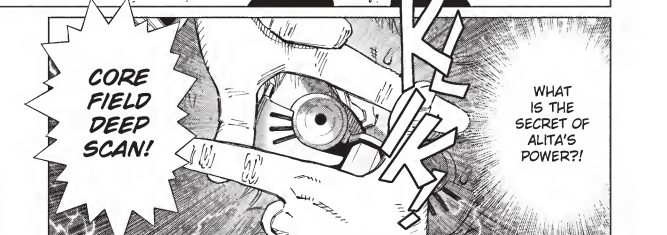
YOU
MEAN...
IT
WASN'T
ME WHO
STAYED
THAT
BLOW?





...NOT TO
MENTION THAT
SHE RECREATED
HER OWN
IMAGINOS
BODY—FROM
SCRATCH!

SHE KEEPS
NEUTRALIZING
TRINIDAD'S
CYBER-
CONTROL—
MINE TOO...



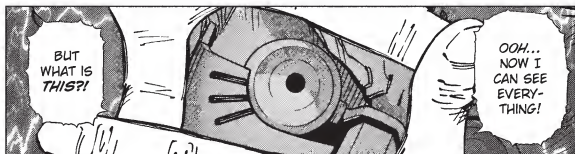
CORE
FIELD
DEEP
SCAN!

WHAT
IS THE
SECRET OF
ALITA'S
POWER?!

PHASE 71: Karmic Singularity

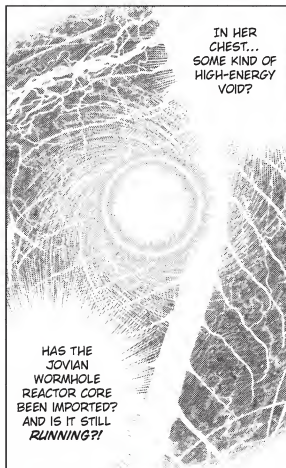


PHASE 71: Karmic Singularity



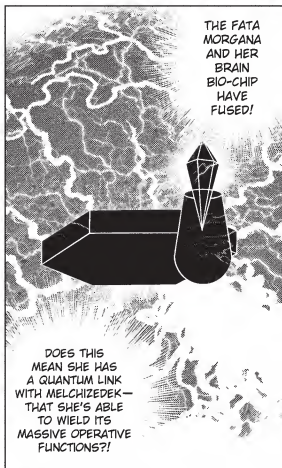
BUT
WHAT IS
THIS?!

OOH...
NOW I
CAN SEE
EVERY-
THING!



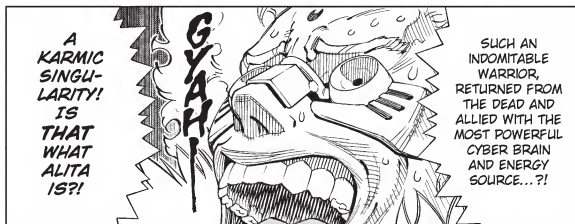
IN HER
CHEST...
SOME KIND OF
HIGH-ENERGY
VOID?

HAS THE
JOVIAN
WORMHOLE
REACTOR CORE
BEEN IMPORTED?
AND IS IT STILL
RUNNING?!



THE FATA
MORGANA
AND HER
BRAIN
BIO-CHIP
HAVE
FUSED!

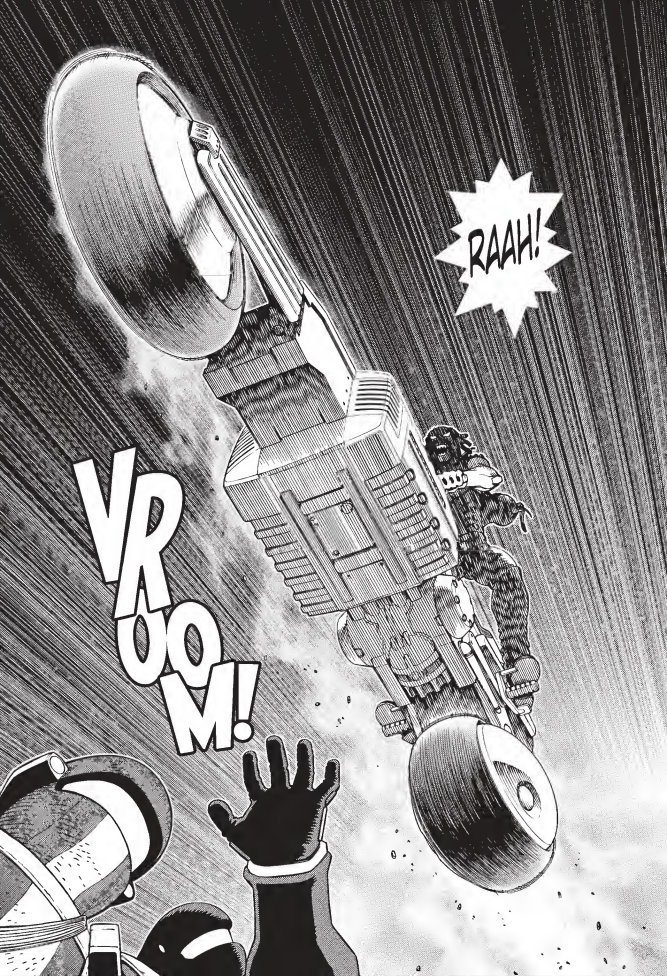
DOES THIS
MEAN SHE HAS
A QUANTUM LINK
WITH MELCHIZEDEK—
THAT SHE'S ABLE
TO WIELD ITS
MASSIVE OPERATIVE
FUNCTIONS?!



A
KARMIC
SINGU-
LARI-
TY!
IS
THAT
WHAT
ALITA
IS?!

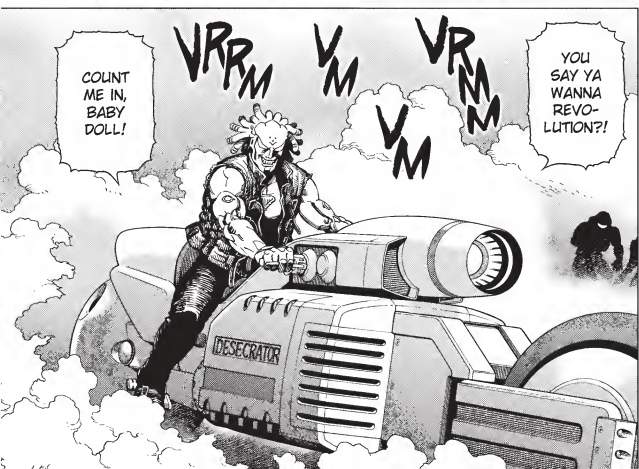
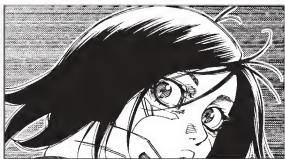
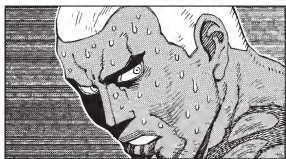
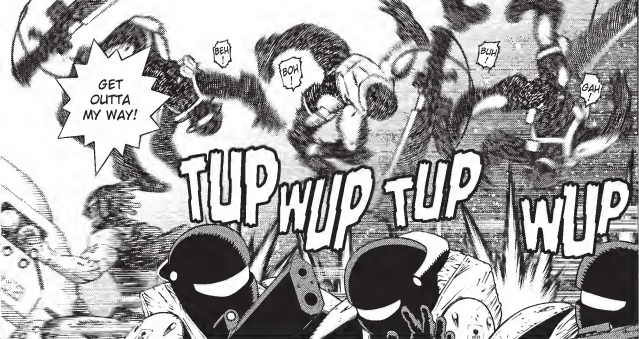
GYAH!

SUCH AN
INDOMITABLE
WARRIOR,
RETURNED FROM
THE DEAD AND
ALLIED WITH THE
MOST POWERFUL
CYBER BRAIN
AND ENERGY
SOURCE...?!



RAAH!

VR
OOM!
M!



A WAR OF
AGGRESSION!

AND I'LL
TELL YA
WHAT
WOULD
BE EVEN
BETTER!

FLUMP

HEY!
WAKE
UP,
KID!

FWAP

FEH!

TMP

WHY
CAN'T
GUYS
AND
GALS
EVER
GET
ON
THE
SAME
PAGE?!

I'M
NOT
INTO
THAT.

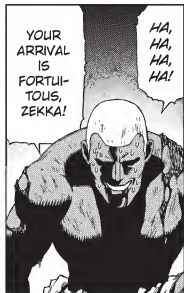
C'MON!
DO YOUR
HOME-
WORK!

HAH!

THE
CYBER
HOLD IS
RELEASED
?!

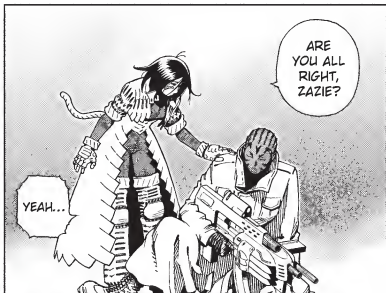
WAH
!

WUWMP



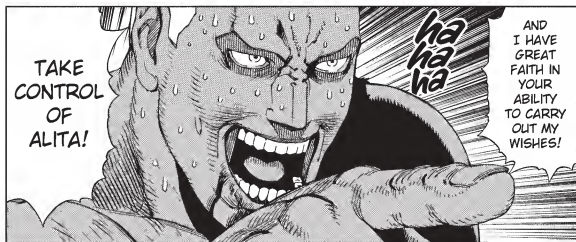
YOUR
ARRIVAL
IS
FORTU-
TOUS,
ZEKKA!

HA,
HA,
HA,
HA!



ARE
YOU ALL
RIGHT,
ZAZIE?

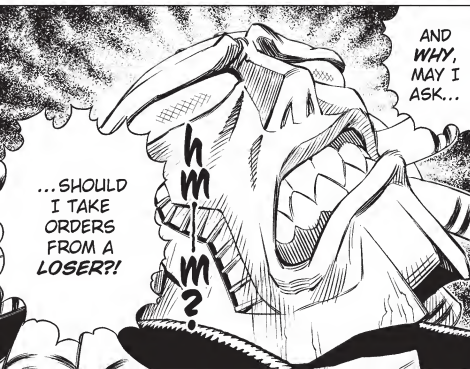
YEAH...



TAKE
CONTROL
OF
ALITA!

ha
ha
ha

AND
I HAVE
GREAT
FAITH IN
YOUR
ABILITY
TO CARRY
OUT MY
WISHES!



...SHOULD
I TAKE
ORDERS
FROM A
LOSER?!

h
m
h
m
?

AND
WHY,
MAY I
ASK...



HUH
?

**THIS
IS OUR
Z.O.T.T.
NOW!**

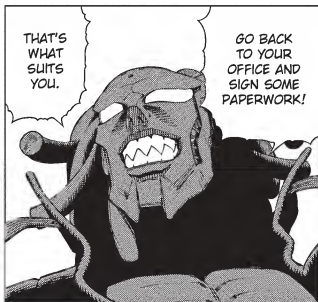
IT'S NOT
LIKE YOU'RE
OVERSEEING A
TOURNAMENT
ANYMORE,
IS IT?!

FROM HERE ON
OUT, IT'LL ONLY
BE FOUGHT BY
THOSE WHO *WANT*
TO FIGHT! AND
ONLY WATCHED
BY *WILLING*
SPECTATORS!





ZEKKA—
HOW
DARE
YOU!



THAT'S
WHAT
SUITS
YOU.

GO BACK
TO YOUR
OFFICE AND
SIGN SOME
PAPERWORK!



I WOULD
LIKE
TO SAY
SOMETHING,
S'IL VOUS
PLAÎT!

MOO

HA, HO!
I SEE
EVERYONE
IS HERE!
TRÈS
BON!

Some
Kriks
monster?
P!

Wroa!

FIRSTLY,
BONJOUR
TO EACH
OF YOU!
I AM...

TUP

TIP

PUP!



...OF
GENOME
KINGDOM,
THE VENUSIAN
BLOCK-B
SEEDED
TEAM.

...CHIEF
GESIGNER*
PISSARRO
CRÉER DE
VIVRE...

HOW
DO YOU
DO?!

...AND
REQUEST,
CHAIRMAN
MBADI, THAT
YOU PERMIT
THE Z.O.T.T.
TO PROCEED
TO ITS
CONCLUSION,
*S'IL VOUS
PLAÎT!*

I'M
HERE TO
CONVEY
THE
WISHES
OF ZEKKA
AND
ALITA...

**Gesigner*: Genetic designer, combining the words "genome" and "designer."

AFTER ALL,
THE RÉPUBLIQUE
VENUS, UNLIKE
JUPITER, WILL
ALWAYS PROMOTE
FREE AND OPEN
COMPETITION.

ONLY THE
TEAM THAT
WINS THE
VENUS*
CUP MAY REPRESENT
US AT THE
Z.O.T.T.

URG...

SN
AP

FOR
GENOME
KINGDOM
HAS ALREADY
BEATEN LE
BÉHÉMOTH,
Z.O.T.T.'S
PREVIOUS
CHAMPIONS.
HA, HO!

I VOW
THAT
MY TEAM
WILL NOT
ONLY
MEET
BUT
EXCEED
YOUR
WILDEST
EXPEC-
TATIONS.

I'VE
GOT NO
USE FOR
NAVEL
LINT WITH
FANCY
TITLES!

GO
HOME!

...WE'D
FACE YOU
GUYS IN
THE SEMI-
FINALS.
WELL...

TM
P

BLOCK-B
SEED,
HUH?
SO...

TM
P

*Venus Cup: Local games to determine the Z.O.T.T representative for Venus. A private event—details unknown, but it is said that all teams are on par with a seeded team.



OOH,
SCARY.

ZEKKA,
YOU WON'T BE
FIGHTING ME
BUT MY CRÉATION
MAGNIFIQUE.
ALLOW ME TO
SHOW YOU...

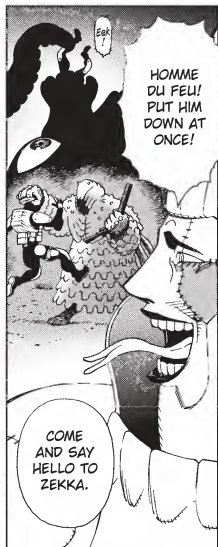
RRGH!



...OUI...

OUI...

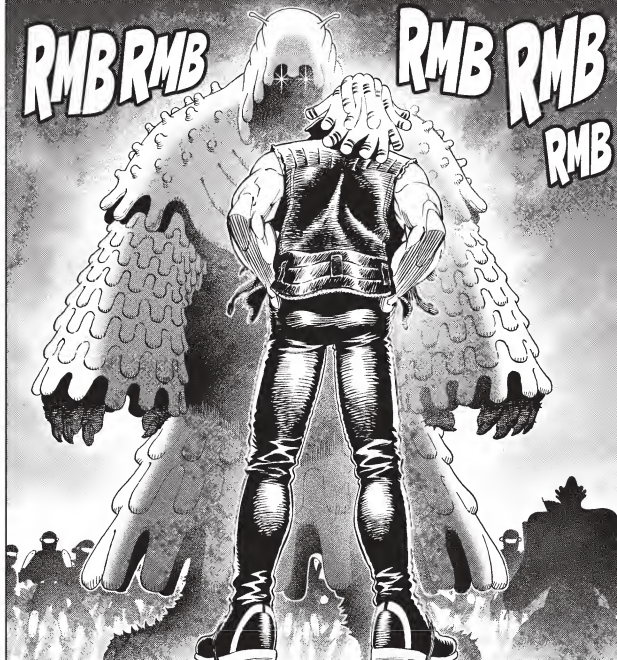
WUP

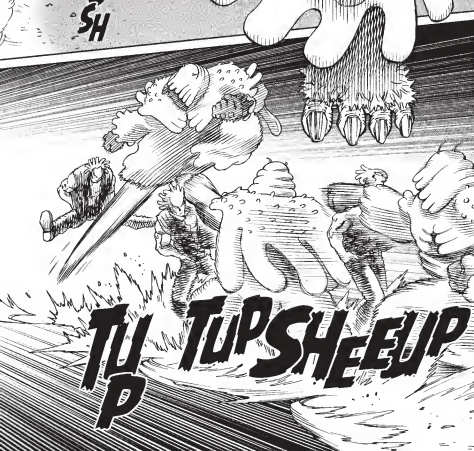
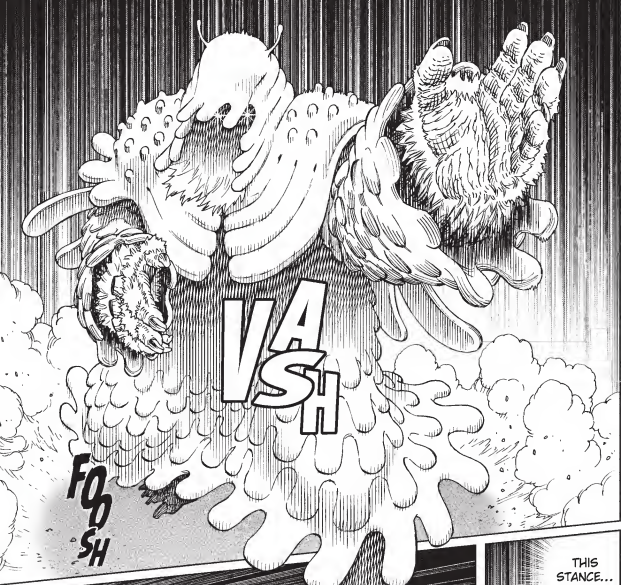


Eek!

HOMME
DU FEU!
PUT HIM
DOWN AT
ONCE!

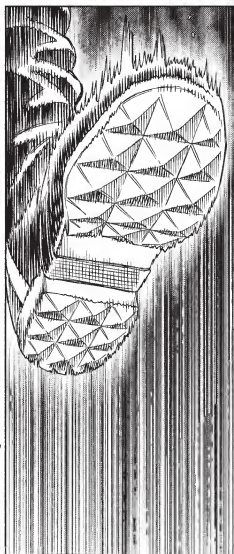
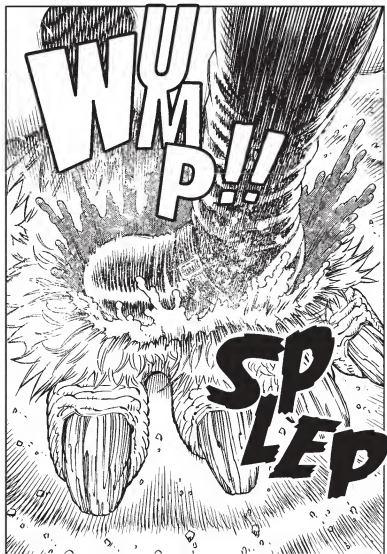
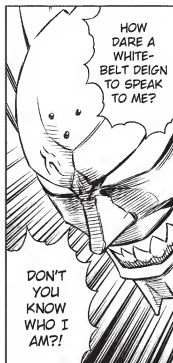
COME
AND SAY
HELLO TO
ZEKKA.





THIS
STANCE...
HIS
POISE...

KARATE
?!

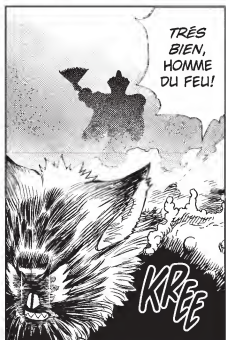








H-
HOW'D
HE DO
THAT?!





WHERE
DID YOU
GET IT?!

THAT
FACE!

WHY
ME
...?

TUNK

TUNK



THAT'S RIGHT!
95 PERCENT
OF HIS DNA
COMES FROM
YOUR GENES,
ZEKKA—
"ABSOLUTE
FLAME"!

ISN'T
HE THE
SPITTING
IMAGE OF
YOU IN YOUR
YOUTH?!



THIS IS
HOMME DU
FEU, A
GESIGNER
CREATURE
AND THE
KEYSTONE OF
OUR GENOME
KINGDOM
TEAM.

CAN YOU
GUESS WHY
WE NAMED
HIM "MAN OF
FIRE"?

BIOVUIVRE,
MY PATRON
COMPANY,
HAS THE PATENT
AND HOLDS THE
INTELLECTUAL
PROPERTY RIGHTS
ON ALL OF
ZEKKA'S GENES!

OF COURSE,
YOU NO LONGER
HAVE LEGAL
OWNERSHIP OF
YOUR GENES,
SO WE CAN'T
REALLY CALL
THEM *YOURS*.

Zekka beer

Zekka meat

Zekka clothes

Zekka dog

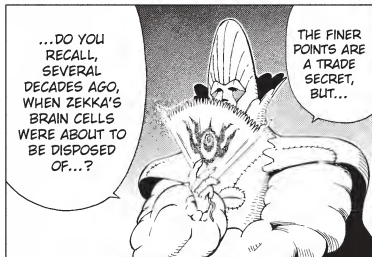
Zekka chair

Zekka table

SUPERIOR
ZEKKA DNA
HAS BEEN
USED TO
CREATE
NUMEROUS
BIOVUIVRE
CONSUMER
PRODUCTS
ALREADY!

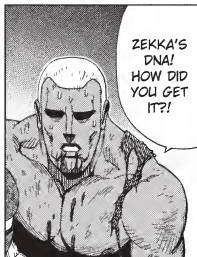
WHEN
DID YOU
DO
THIS?!

THE NAME
"ZEKKA"
IS NOW A
TRADEMARK
OF
BIOVUIVRE,
BY THE
WAY.

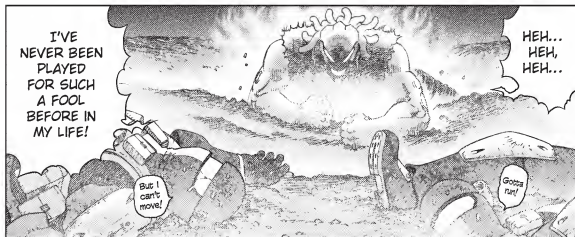


...DO YOU
RECALL,
SEVERAL
DECADES AGO,
WHEN ZEKKA'S
BRAIN CELLS
WERE ABOUT TO
BE DISPOSED
OF...?

THE FINER
POINTS ARE
A TRADE
SECRET,
BUT...



ZEKKA'S
DNA!
HOW DID
YOU GET
IT?!



I'VE
NEVER BEEN
PLAYED
FOR SUCH
A FOOL
BEFORE IN
MY LIFE!

HEH...
HEH,
HEH...

But I
can't
move!

Gotta
run!

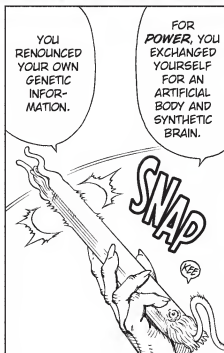


...JUST
HOW
MUCH
POWER
YOU
LOST!

WHAT A
GIFT OF
NATURE,
THE FLESH
AND BLOOD
YOU THREW
AWAY...

THE
LESSON
YOU'LL
LEARN
TODAY,
FRIEND,
IS...

HA
HOHO



YOU
RENOUNCED
YOUR OWN
GENETIC
INFORMATION.

FOR
POWER, YOU
EXCHANGED
YOURSELF
FOR AN
ARTIFICIAL
BODY AND
SYNTHETIC
BRAIN.

SNAP

MASTER
ZEKKA!

WOM

NURRG...

GRAAA

WE'LL
SETTLE
THE
SCORE
IN THE
SEMI-
FINALS!

HOLD
ON
FOR
NOW!

SKRRKKKK



...TO GET THE FACTS BEHIND THE CANCELLATION OF THE Z.O.T.T.!

THIS IS JACK GERAMBO, RISKING LIFE AND LIMB TO CONDUCT A SURPRISE EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW...

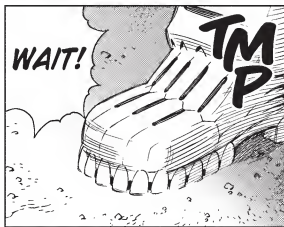


GO FOR IT, JACK! QUICK!

THANK YOU, TOJI!



→KOFF←
WELL, IN VIEW OF VARIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES, WE...



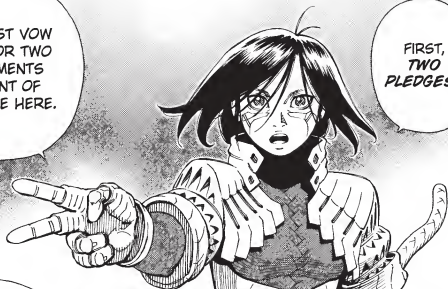
WAIT!



WITH ME IS CHAIRMAN AGA MBADI! WOULD YOU PLEASE EXPLAIN YOUR DECISION, SIR?!

YOU MUST VOW
TO HONOR TWO
AGREEMENTS
IN FRONT OF
EVERYONE HERE.

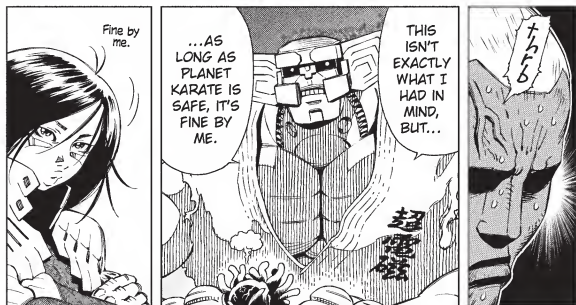
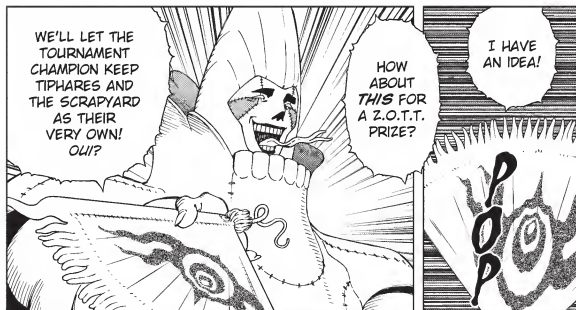
FIRST,
TWO
PLEDGES!



...AND, ON
YOUR SACRED
HONOR, YOU
WILL NEVER
RENEGE ON
THAT VOW!

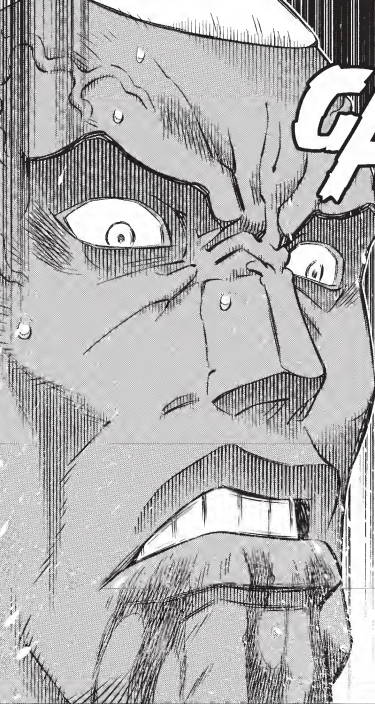
IF WE WIN,
YOU WILL
RECOGNIZE
TIPHARES
AND THE
SCRAPYARD
AS AN
INDEPENDENT
COUNTRY...





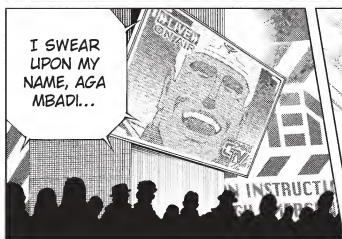
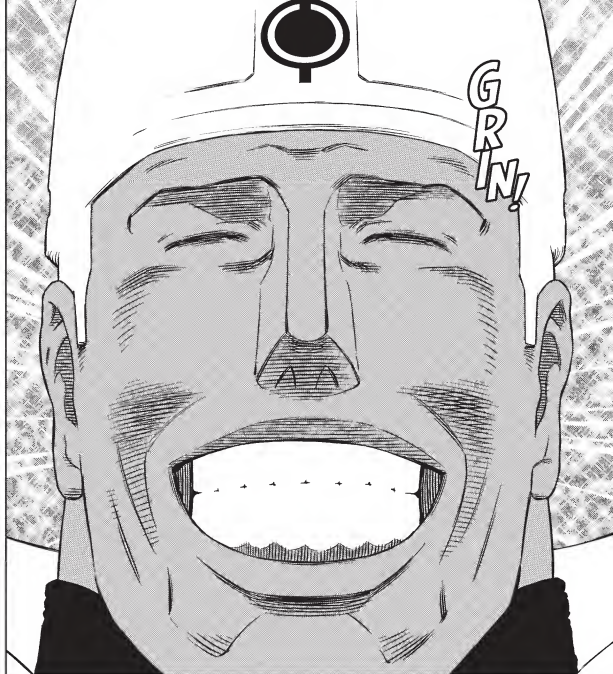
BASTARDS!

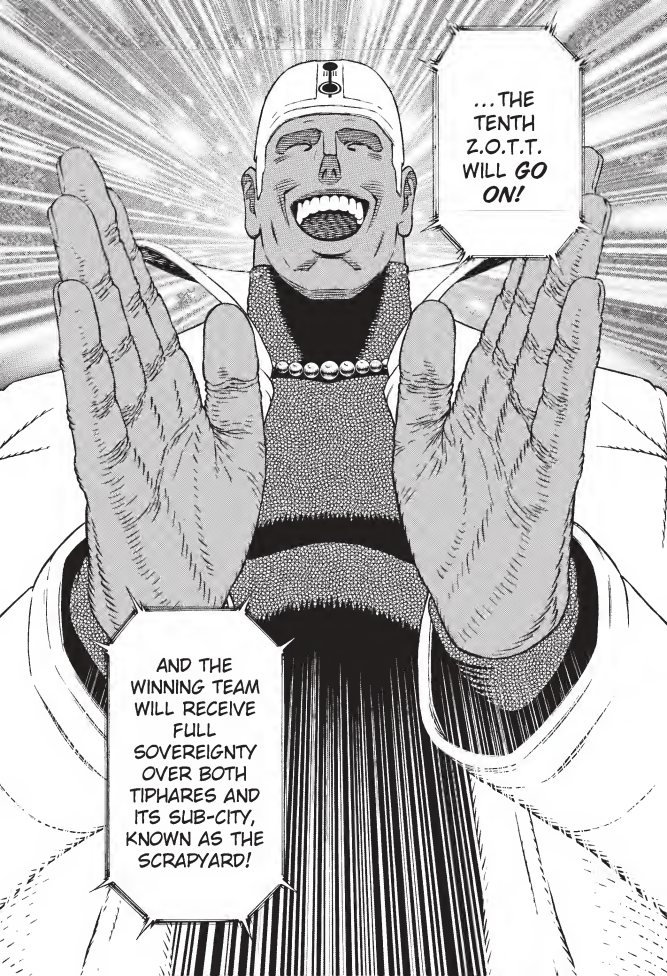
GAH!



...WOULD
YOU
CARE TO
COMMENT,
CHAIRMAN
MBADI?

I DON'T
KNOW
WHERE
THIS IS
GOING,
BLT...





...THE
TENTH
Z.O.T.T.
WILL GO
ON!

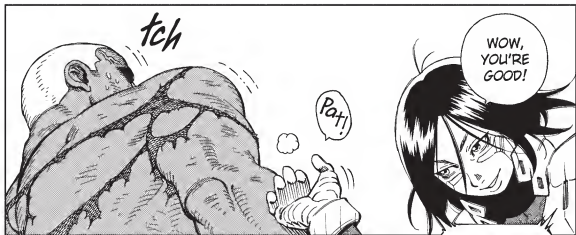
AND THE
WINNING TEAM
WILL RECEIVE
FULL
SOVEREIGNTY
OVER BOTH
TIPHARES AND
ITS SUB-CITY,
KNOWN AS THE
SCRAPYARD!



SUCH A
REASONABLE
FELLOW!

WOW,
CAPTAIN
MBADI!
YOU'RE
SUPER!

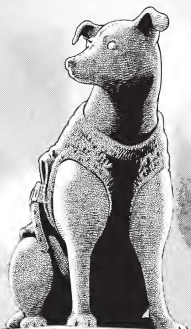
MBA-Di!
MBA-Di!





Octypus

PHASE 72: The Tide Is Turning



Kudryavka the Space Dog

The first living mammal to reach Earth's orbit, "Little Curly" was on board the Sputnik 2, which launched on November 3, E.S. 1 (1957).

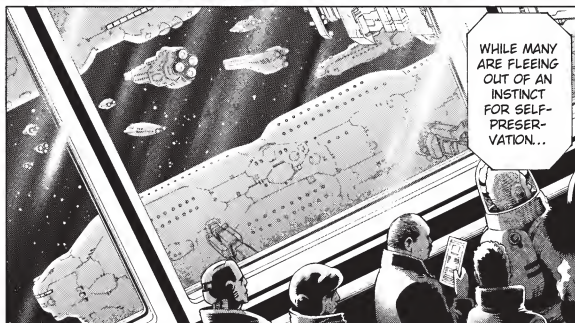
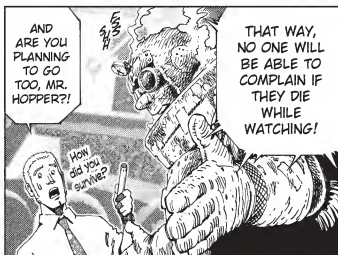




THE
BLOCK B
SEMIFINALS—
GENOME
KINGDOM OF
VENUS VS.
SPACE KARATE
FORCES
HAVE BEEN
DELAYED...

...FOR TWO
DAYS TO
ALLOW FOR
REPAIRS TO
THE ARENA AND
FORTIFICATION
OF THE
SPECTATOR
SEATS...

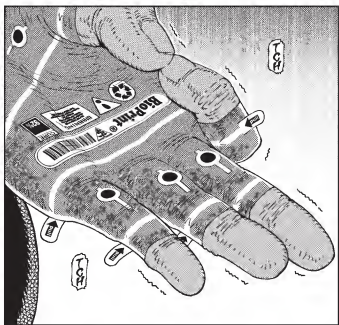
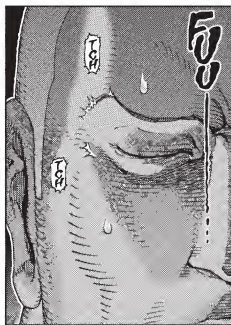
WE'RE INTO
THE SEVENTH
DAY OF THE
TENTH
Z.O.T.T.—
WHICH HAS
CERTAINLY
SEEN ITS
SHARE OF
TURMOIL!





A FEW ARE
WILLING TO RISK
THEIR VERY
LIVES IN ORDER
TO WITNESS
HISTORY!

I, JACK
GERAMBO, WILL,
OF COURSE,
CONTINUE TO
BROADCAST THE
TOURNAMENT
FROM BEGINNING
TO END, FOR AS
LONG AS I LIVE!



GO
SIGN
SOME
PAPERS!

AND WHY,
MAY I ASK,
SHOULD I TAKE
ORDERS FROM
A LOSER?!

DON'T
UNDER-
ESTIMATE
ME!

WHAT MAKES
YOU THINK
THAT MY FATE
IS IN YOUR
HANDS?

...DEATH,
A
THOUSAND
TIMES
OVER!

THE
PENALTY FOR
DISTURBING
MY
MEDITATION
IS...

GUH!

M-M...
MASTER...
IT IS I...

SHOKKA

GR T GR T

I WILL
MAKE
THEM
PAY!

TZYG...
UHHN...
TZYGA...
TZYKROW!

...Y-YOUR
ALWAYS
LOYAL
SERVANT...

TAKKA

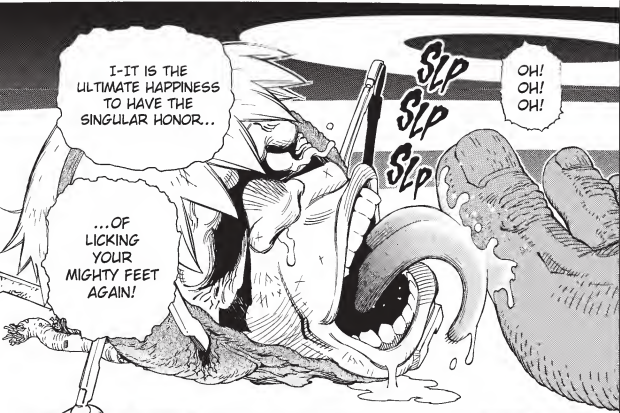
YES! M-MY
TENACITY
IS ONE
OF M-MY
GREATEST
VIRTUES...

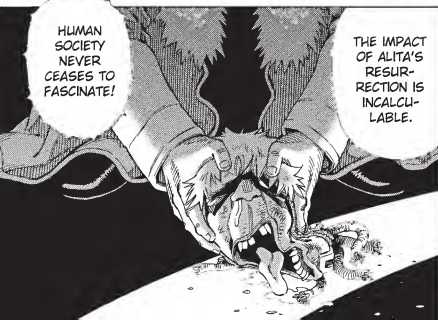
TK
TK
TK

HEH,
HEH!

...YOU'RE
ALIVE.

SO...







WON'T
YOU GIVE
THIS MAN
TO ME?!



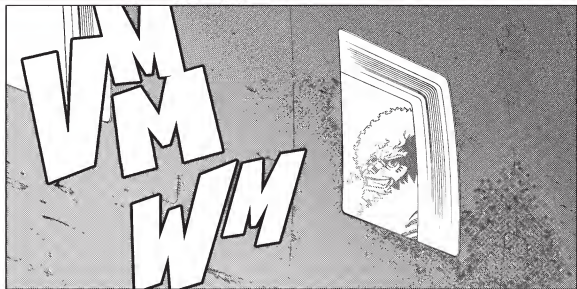
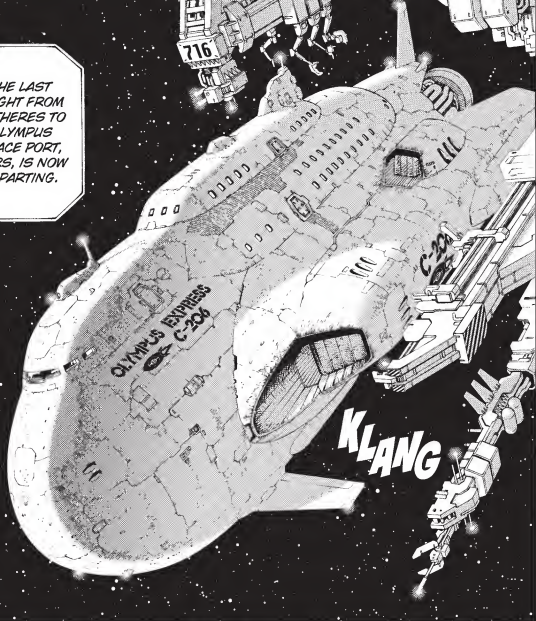
ALL
RIGHT,
THAT I
WILL!

...



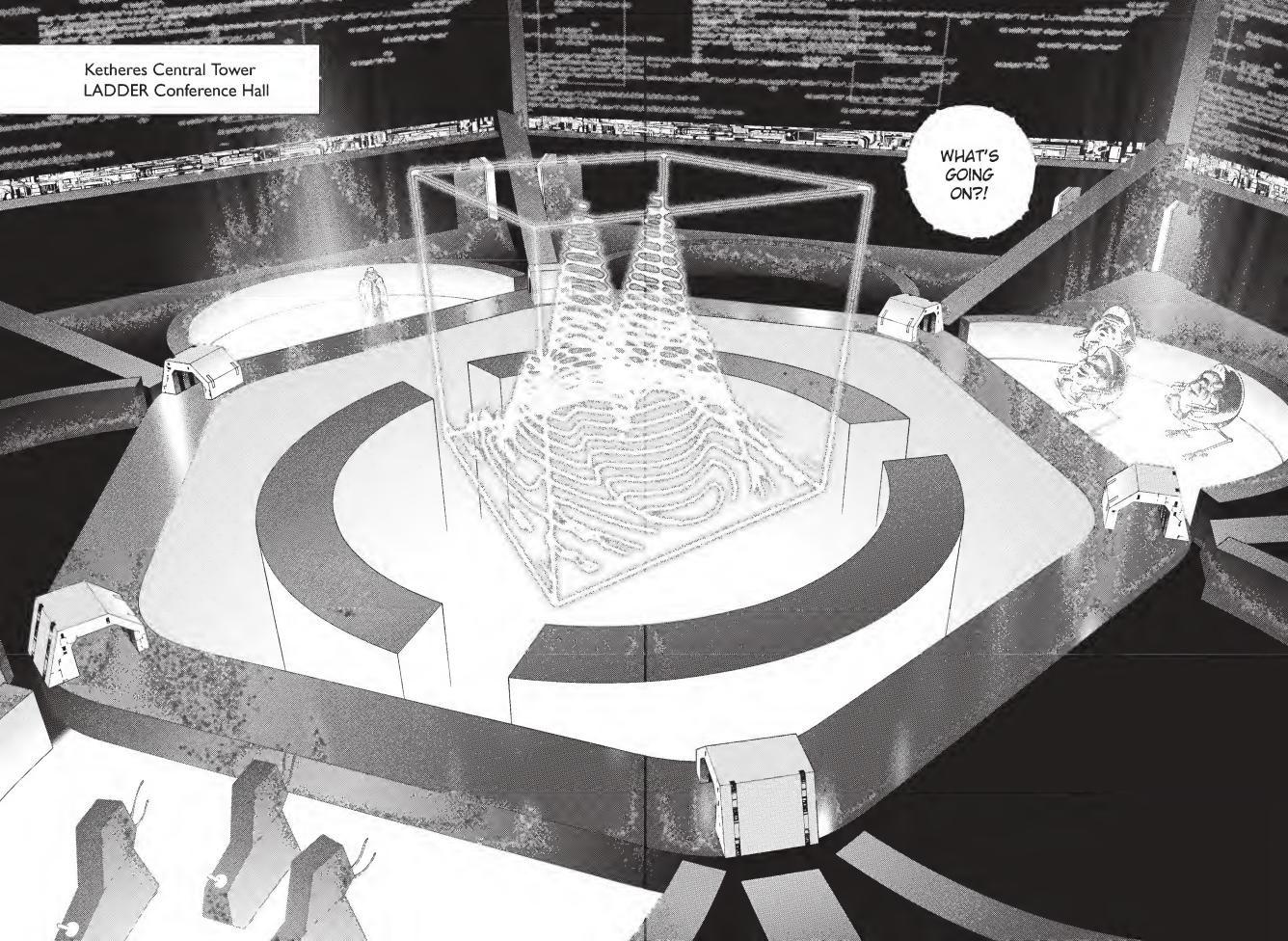
DO AS
YOU
PLEASE!

THE LAST
FLIGHT FROM
KETHERES TO
OLYMPUS
SPACE PORT,
MARS, IS NOW
DEPARTING.



Ketheres Central Tower
LADDER Conference Hall

WHAT'S
GOING
ON?!





I'M GOING
TO BE
LATE FOR
DINNER!

THE
Z.O.T.T.
ISN'T
OVER YET!
WHY
ARE WE
HERE?!

LADDER Assembly
Fournier, Venus representative

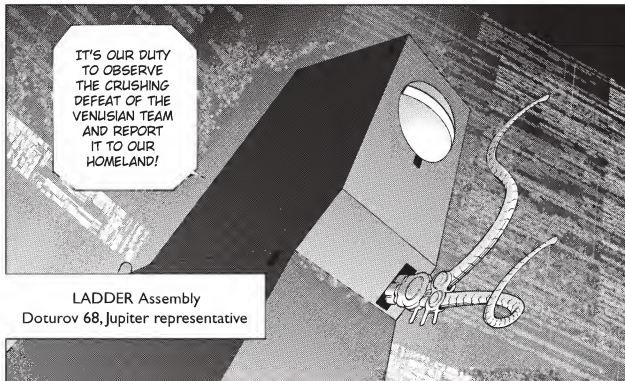


ARE YOU TOO
ASHAMED TO
FACE YOUR
FELLOW
CITIZENS
AFTER YOUR
PHENOMENAL
DISGRACE
IN THE SEMI-
FINALS?!

I
THOUGHT
THE
JOVIANS
RAN HOME
ALREADY!



OH?



IT'S OUR DUTY
TO OBSERVE
THE CRUSHING
DEFEAT OF THE
VENUSIAN TEAM
AND REPORT
IT TO OUR
HOMELAND!

LADDER Assembly
Doturov 68, Jupiter representative



...I HAVE
NO IDEA.
I WAS
SUMMONED
HERE TOO.

I'M
SORRY,
BUT...

LADDER Chairman
Yajnik



WHA—
?!

CHAIR-
MAN!
TELL US
WHY
WE'RE
HERE.



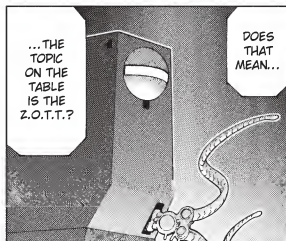
YOU
ARE HERE
AT MY
BEHEST.

LADDER Assistant Chairman
Aga Mbadi



...MUST
BE KEPT
WITHIN
THESE
WALLS!

UNTIL THE
Z.O.T.T. IS
OVER, WHAT
WE DISCUSS
HERE...

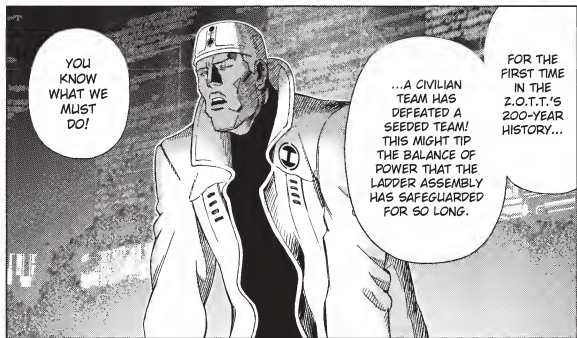


...THE
TOPIC
ON THE
TABLE
IS THE
Z.O.T.T.?

DOES
THAT
MEAN...



SO THIS
IS A TOP
SECRET
EMERGENCY
LADDER
SUMMIT,
EH?



YOU
KNOW
WHAT WE
MUST
DO!

...A CIVILIAN
TEAM HAS
DEFEATED A
SEEDED TEAM!
THIS MIGHT TIP
THE BALANCE OF
POWER THAT THE
LADDER ASSEMBLY
HAS SAFEGUARDED
FOR SO LONG.

FOR THE
FIRST TIME
IN THE
Z.O.T.T.'S
200-YEAR
HISTORY...



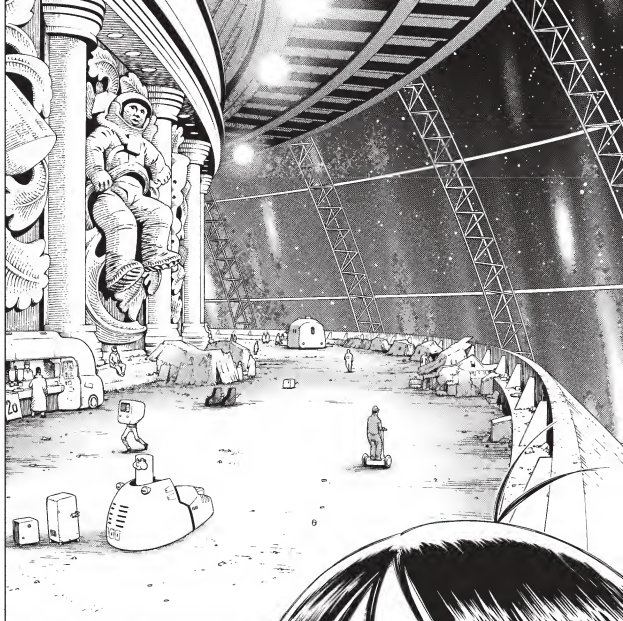
...TO
USE THE
**SWORD OF
DAMOCLES!**

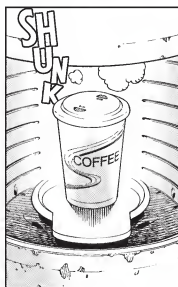
I, AGA
MBADI,
MUST
REQUEST
AUTHORI-
ZATION...

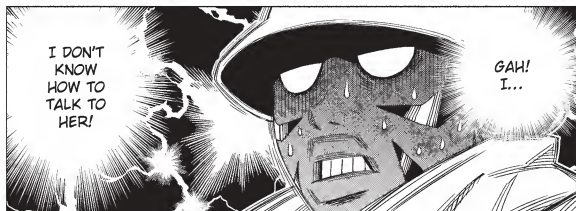
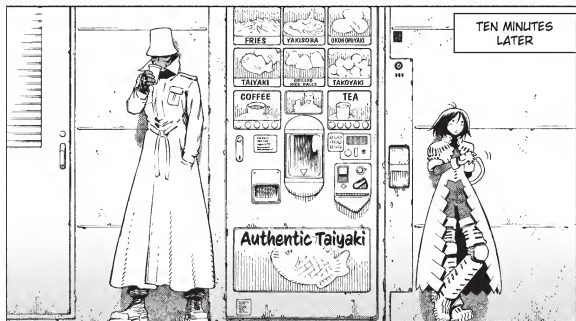
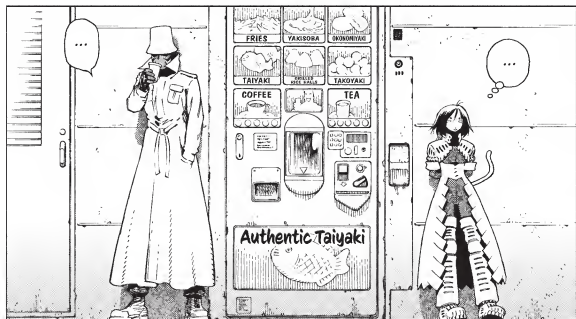
THE...

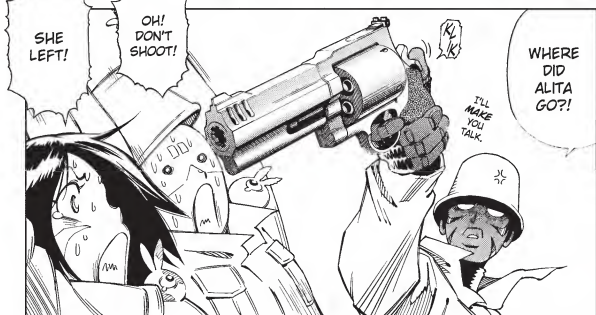
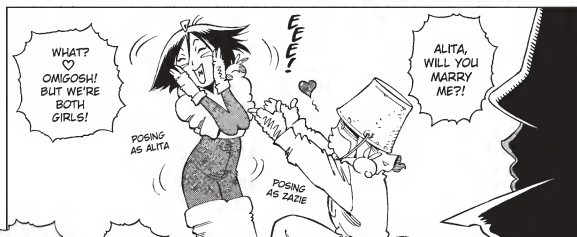
THE
SWORD OF
DAMOCLES!

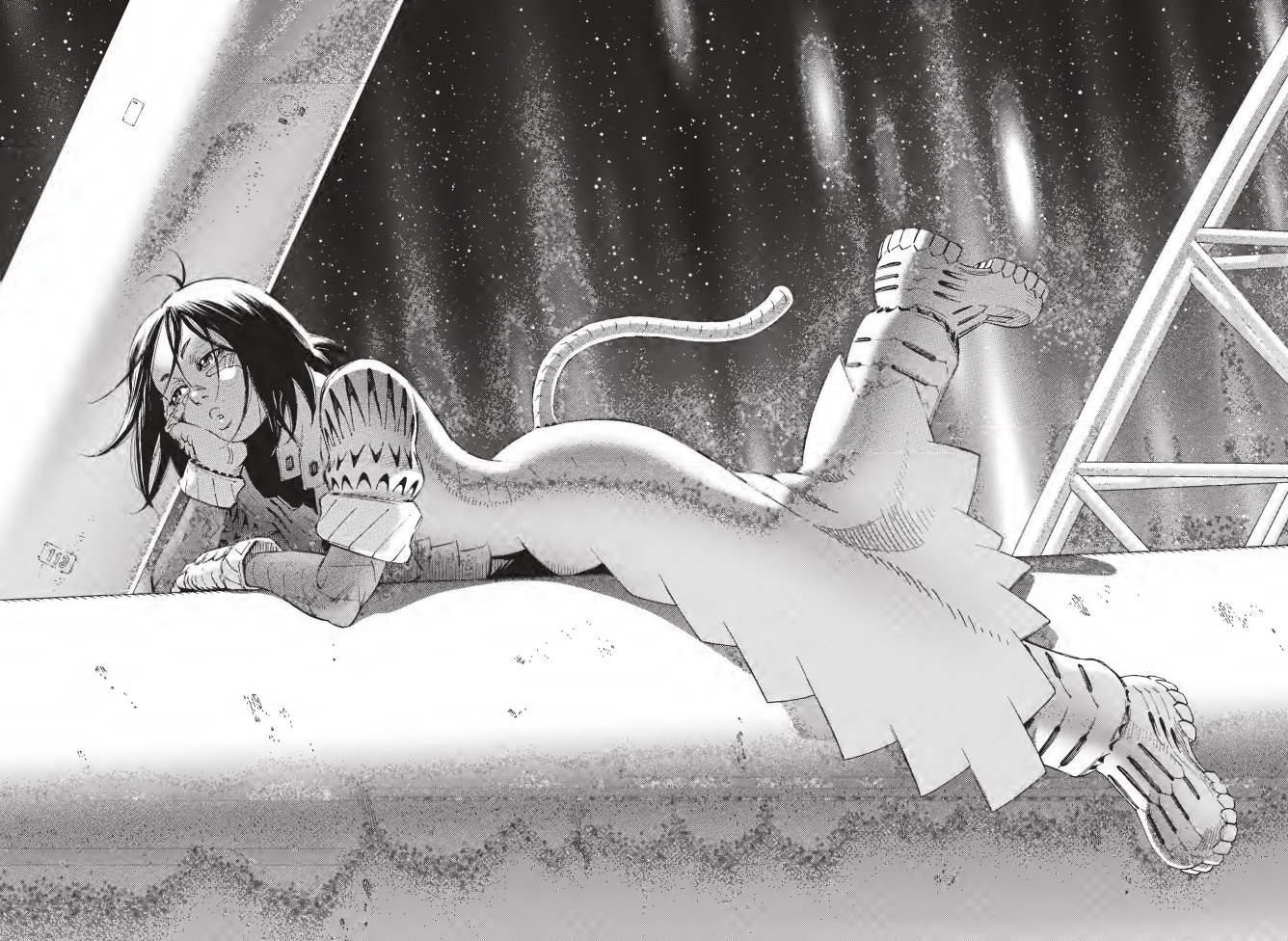
...WHAT
?

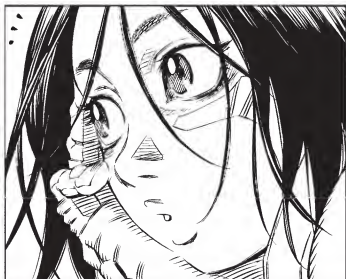
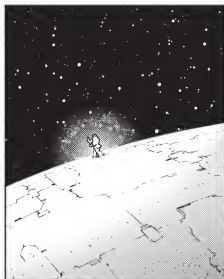












...I
CON-
SULT...
MY
FIST!

TO
BUOY
MY
WILL
ONCE
MORE

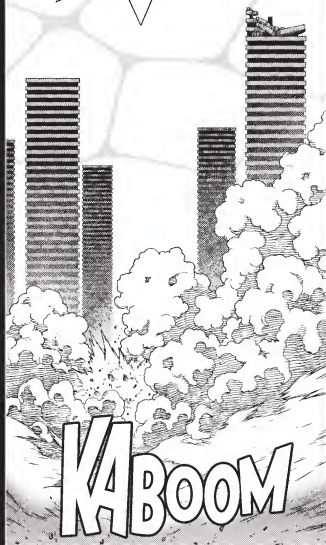
...

FOR WHAT
PURPOSE
IS THE
WAY OF
KARATE
?!

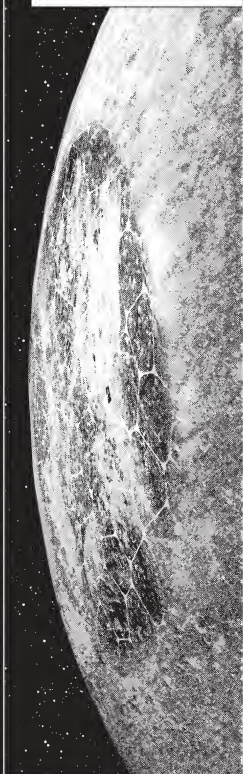
FOR WHOM
IS PLANET
KARATE
?!

45th Universal Karate
Championship

A MIND-
BOGGLING
TWENTY IN
A ROW BY
TOJI!

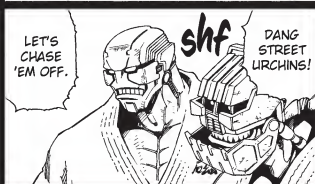
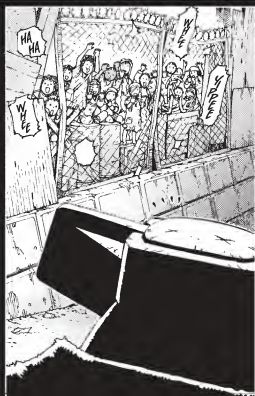


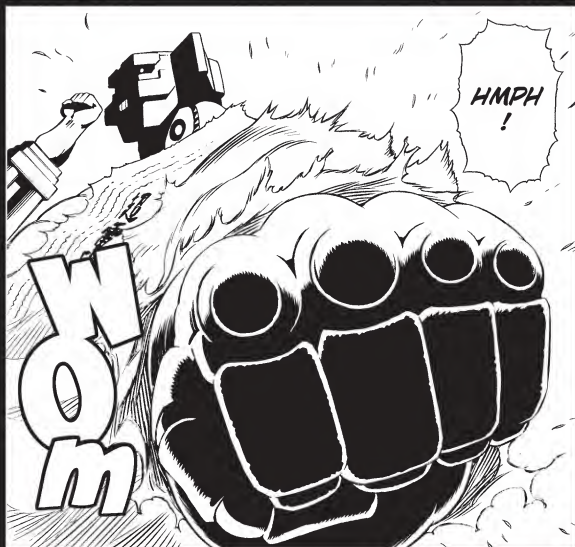
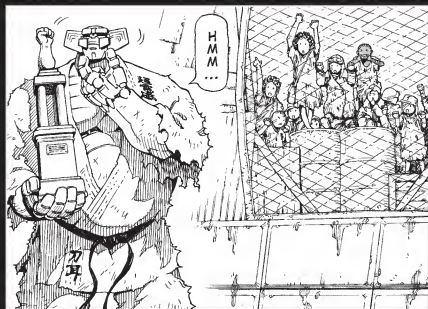
E.S. 587
Hellas Colony, Mars*

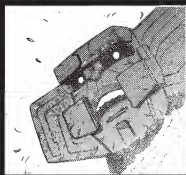


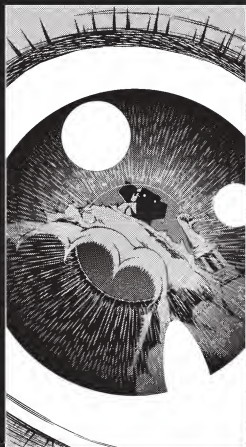
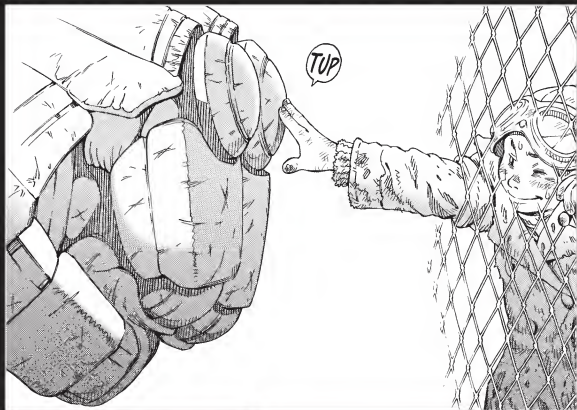
***Hellas Colony:** Built on Hellas Plain, a giant crater 2100 km wide, in the southern hemisphere. Ruled by the Mars Republic Army, the vast city has maintained peace for the past 120 years.

***Universal Karate Championship:** Hosted by Electromagnetic Karate and held every 1.88 Earth years.







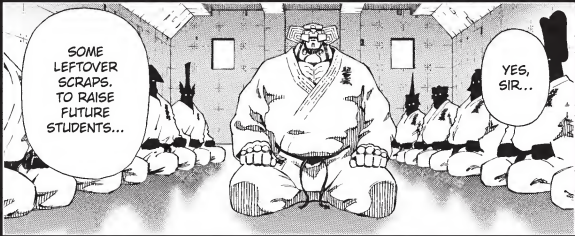




...THAT
YOU'VE BEEN
FEEDING
THOSE
STREET
LIRCHINS.

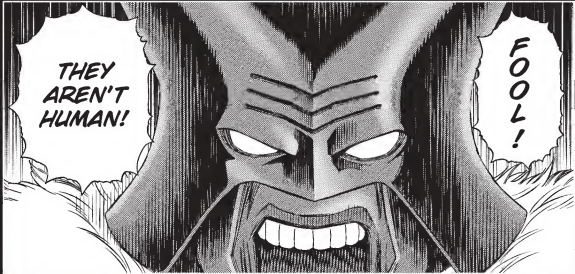
TOJI...
I'M
TOLD...

Electromagnetic Karate
current Head Master
Radon



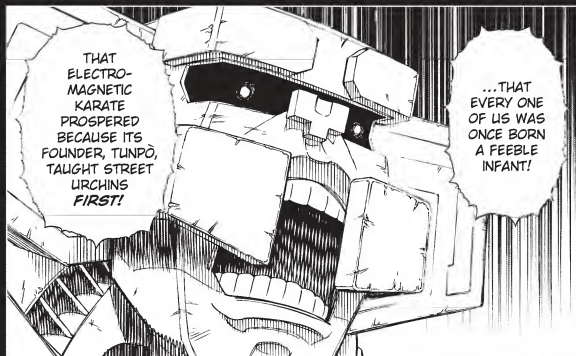
SOME
LEFTOVER
SCRAPS.
TO RAISE
FUTURE
STUDENTS...

YES,
SIR...



THEY
AREN'T
HUMAN!

FOOL!



IN THE MAIN DOJO,
WHERE YOU MUST
PRESENT YOURSELF
AS LARGE AND
POWERFUL, IT IS
HERESY TO ADMIT
THAT EACH AND
EVERY WARRIOR
USED TO BE A CHILD.

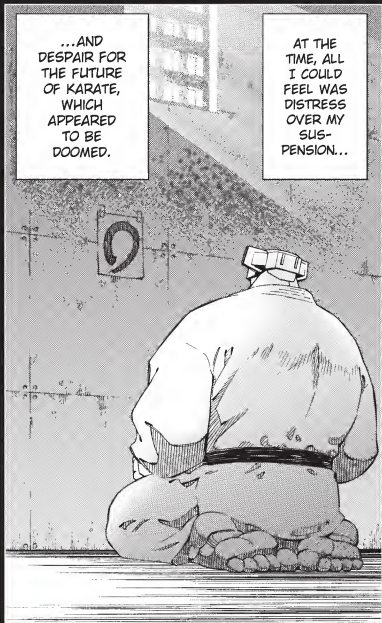
THERE ARE
TABOOS THAT
MUST NEVER
BE MADE
EXPLICIT
WITHIN A
GROUP—NO
MATTER HOW
TRUE.

I GOT
SUS-
PENDED.

...AND
DESPAIR FOR
THE FUTURE
OF KARATE,
WHICH
APPEARED
TO BE
DOOMED.

AT THE
TIME, ALL
I COULD
FEEL WAS
DISTRESS
OVER MY
SUS-
PENSION...

A FEW DAYS
LATER, THE
STREET
URCHINS
WERE HUNTED
DOWN BY
THE PUBLIC
HEALTH
DEPARTMENT.



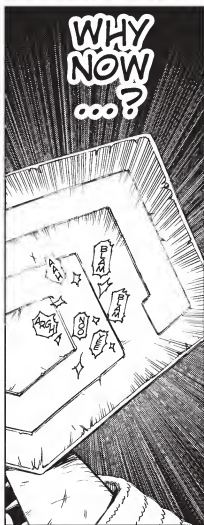
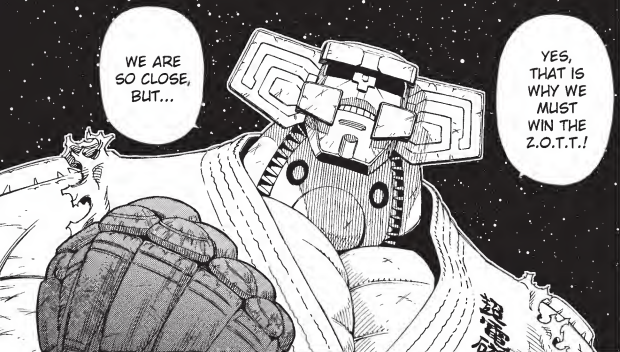
...AN IDEAL
PLACE—NAMED
PLANET KARATE—
BEYOND THE
BICKERING OF
VARIOUS SCHOOLS,
WHERE CHILDREN
COULD TRAIN FREE
FROM FEAR.



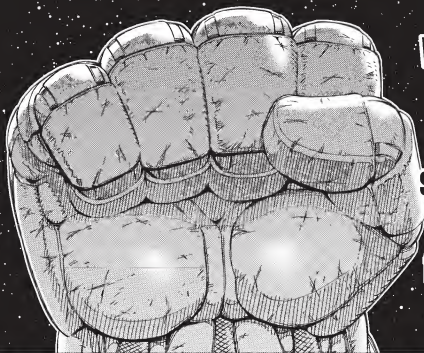
FED UP
WITH THE
POLITICS AND
THE POWER
STRUGGLES
OF THE
MAIN DOJO,
I DREAMED
OF...

AND SO I
CHOSE TO
ENTER THE
Z.O.T.T. AS
PART OF THE
"SPACE KARATE
FORCES," FULLY
AWARE THAT
I MIGHT BE
EXPELLED FROM
MY SCHOOL
FOREVER!





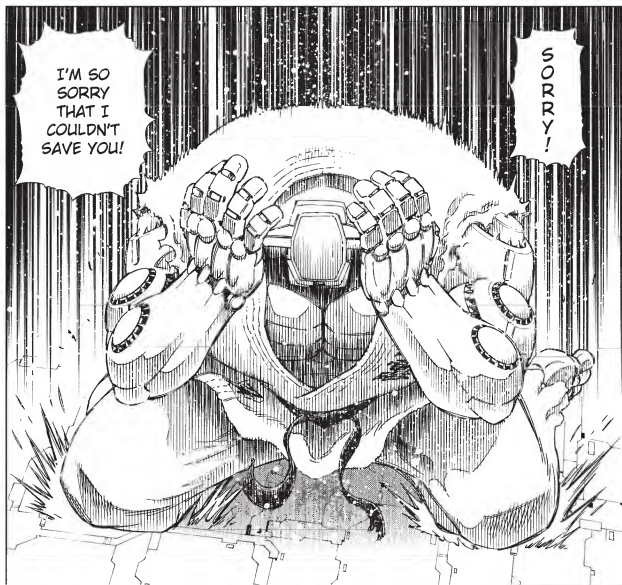
**What
does
karate
stand
for...?**

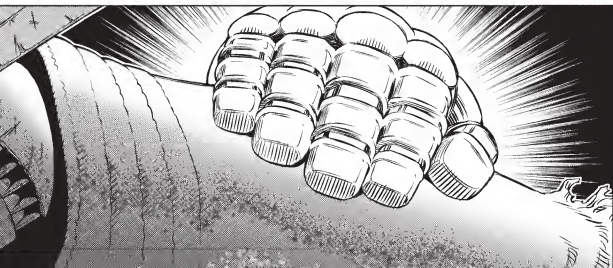
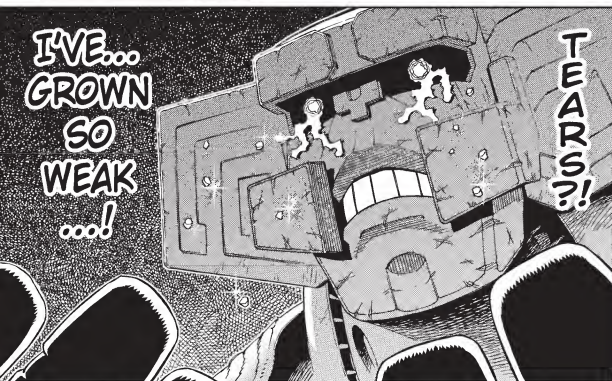
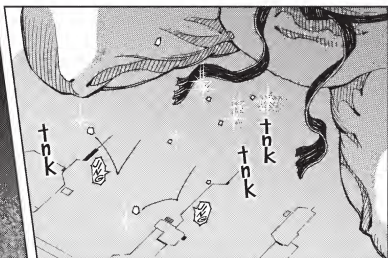


**What
do
you
stand
for,
fist?**

**I'M SO
SORRY
THAT I
COULDN'T
SAVE YOU!**

SORRY!

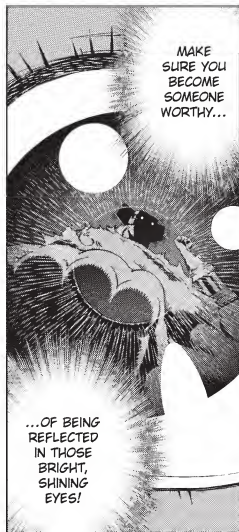
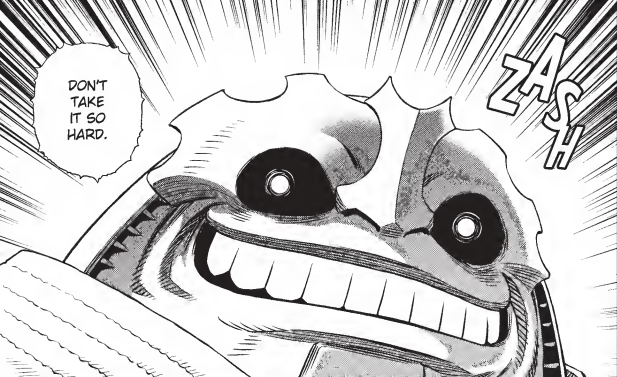


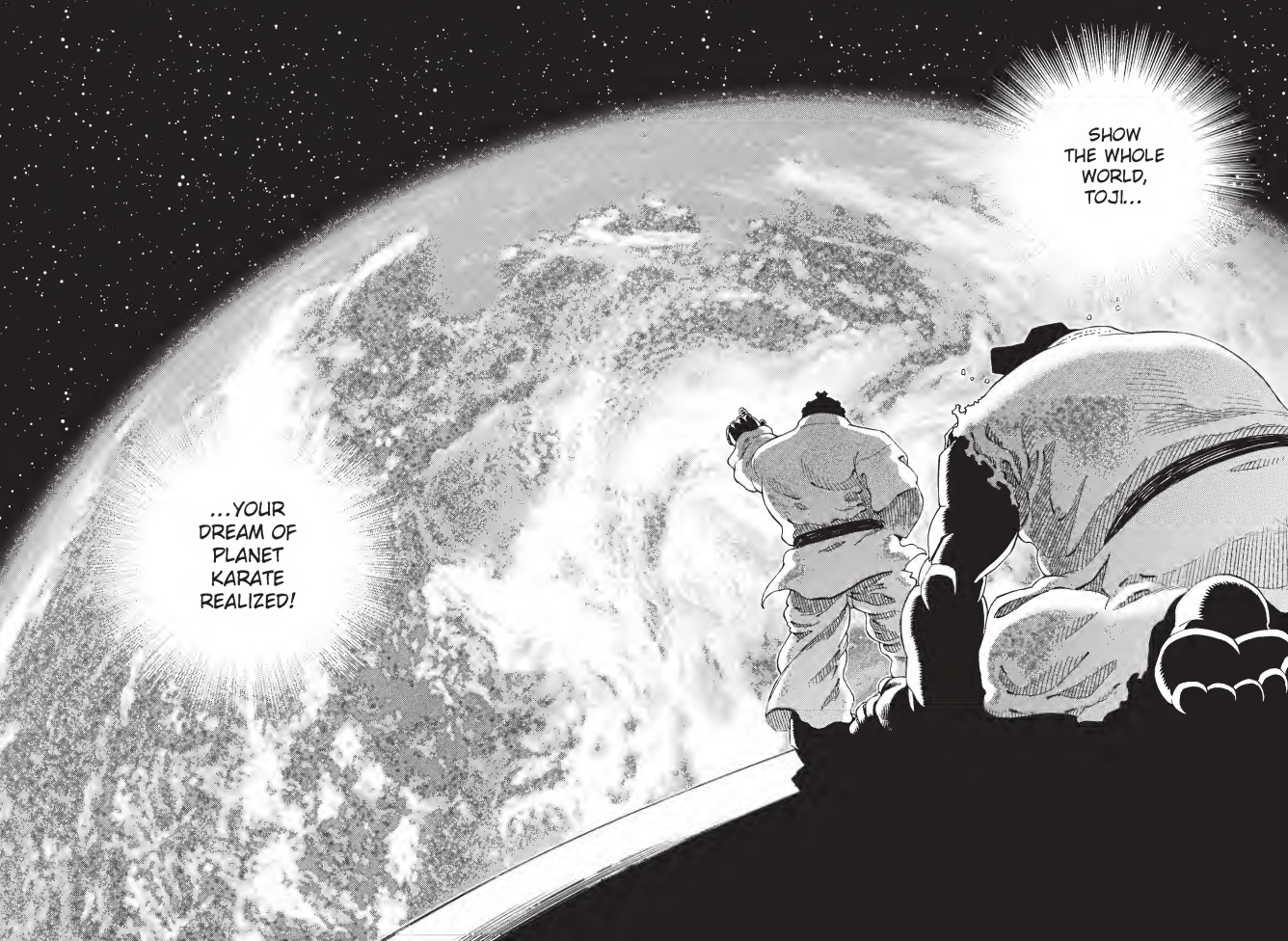


WELL
SAID...

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怒
塵





...YOUR
DREAM OF
PLANET
KARATE
REALIZED!

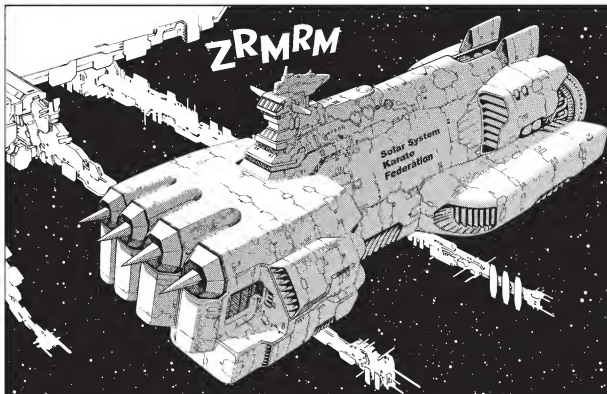
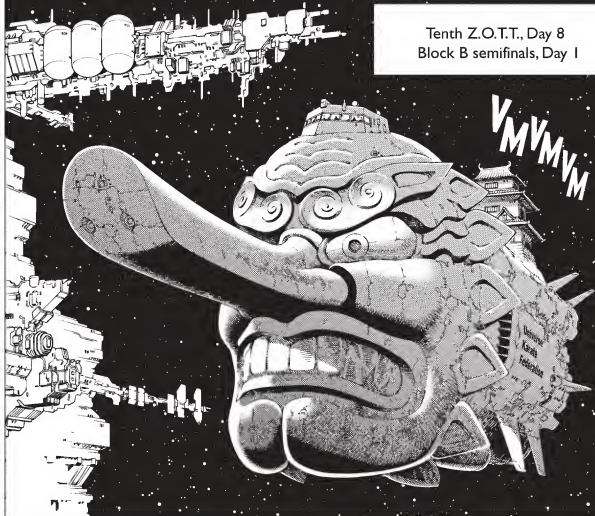
SHOW
THE WHOLE
WORLD,
TOJI...

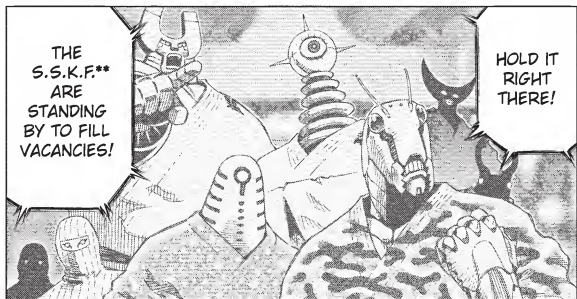
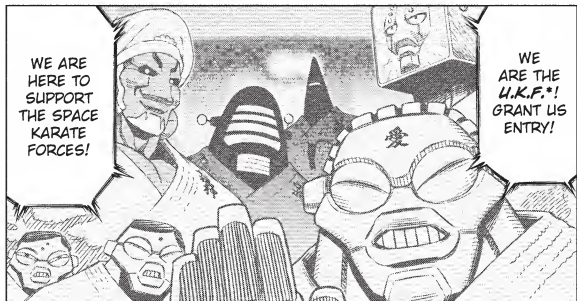
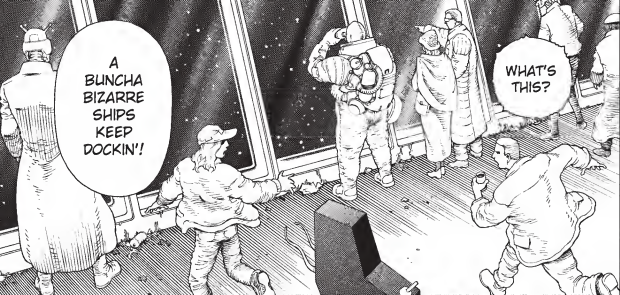


PHASE 73: Karate Wars!



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Block B semifinals, Day 1

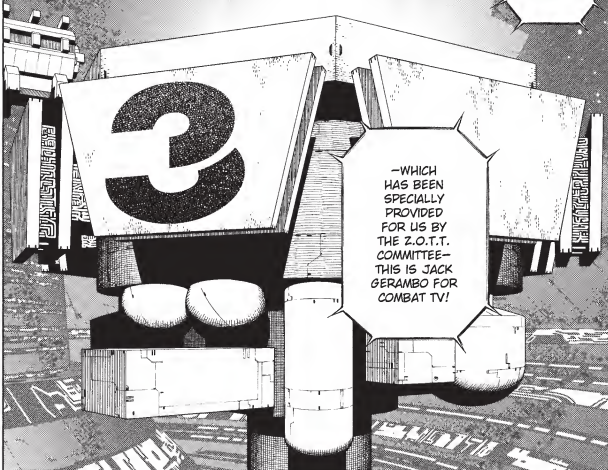




*U.K.F.: Universal Karate Federation.

**S.S.K.F.: Solar System Karate Federation

COMING
TO YOU
LIVE
FROM
ARENA
3-



-WHICH
HAS BEEN
SPECIALLY
PROVIDED
FOR US BY
THE Z.O.T.T.
COMMITTEE-
THIS IS JACK
GERAMBO FOR
COMBAT TV!

TAKE A
GANDER!



WITH THE
BLOCK B
SEMIFINALS
TOMORROW,
A THRONG OF
CANDIDATES
IS ON HAND
TO JOIN THE
SPACE KARATE
FORCES!



PROMINENT
KARATE
VETERANS
FROM ALL
OVER THE
SOLAR
SYSTEM!

OVER A
HUNDRED
OF THEM!

中道

衛門

亞洲吐露

刀鋒

鬼神

THE BIG
QUESTION IS—
WILL
THEY BE
ACCEPTED
BY...

BUT
THERE
ARE ONLY
FOUR
RESERVE
SLOTS*
FOR THE
SPACE
KARATE
FORCES!

I
SENSE
A
STORM
BREW-
ING...

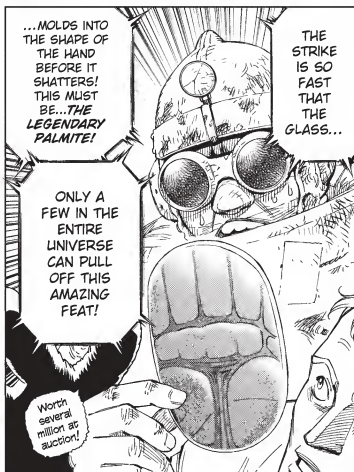
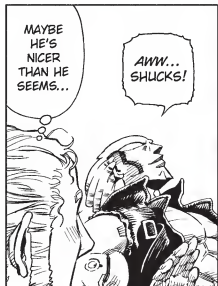
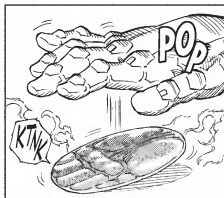
...ZEKKA,
CAPTAIN OF
THE SPACE
KARATE
FORCES?!

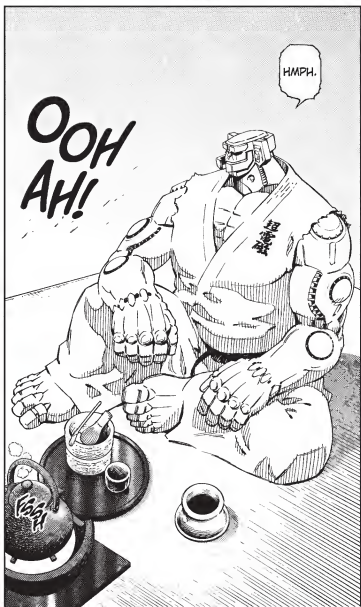
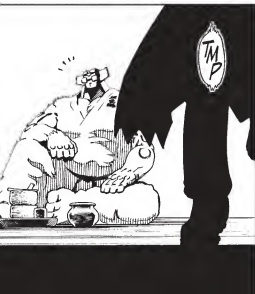
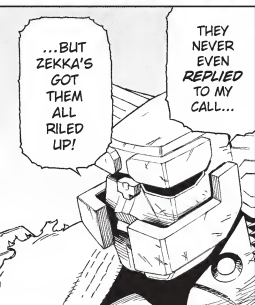
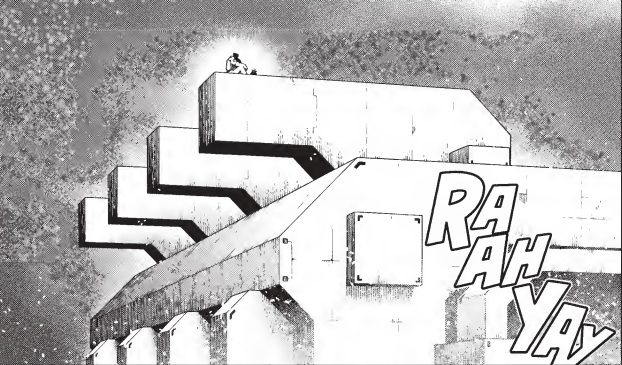
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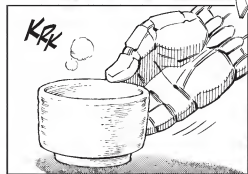
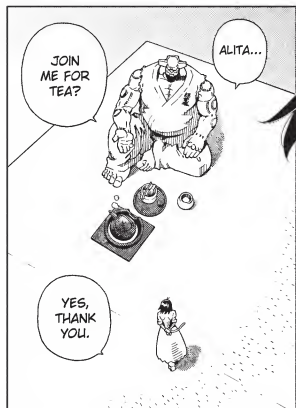


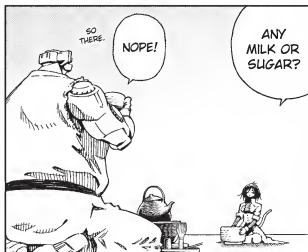
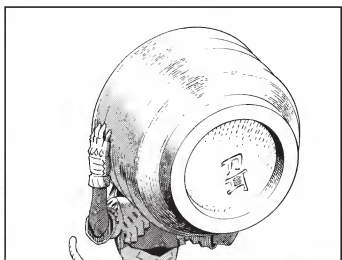
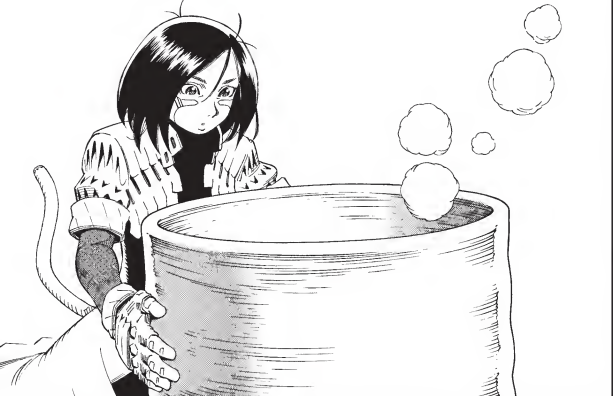
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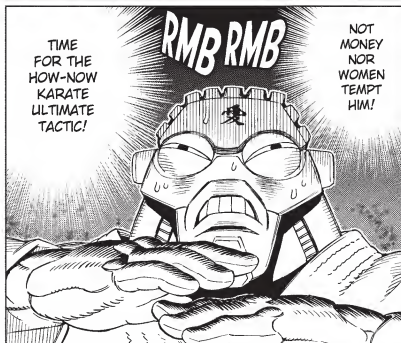
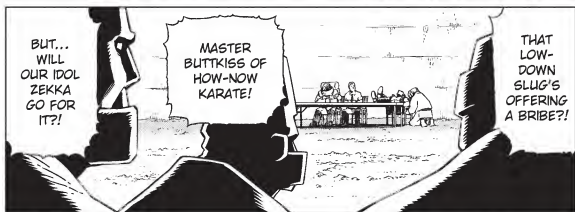
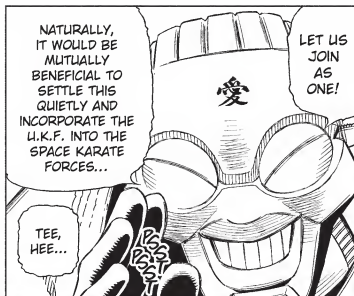












**P
L
E
A
S
E
!**

DUMM

**S
I
R
!**

SEE?!
THIS IS THE
SECRET OF OUR
SCHOOL'S POLITICAL
POWER—THE
REASON WE HAVE
BRANCHES ON
VENUS AND
JUPITER!

THE
HOW-NOW
KOWTOW!

THE
CHARACTER
FOR
"MARTIAL" IS
WRITTEN AS
"STOPPING
THE SWORD"!
THIS IS A
TRUE MARTIAL
ART!

*domo
arigato*

THERE IT IS!
THE FLAWLESS
KOWTOW OF
MASTER
BUTTKISS!

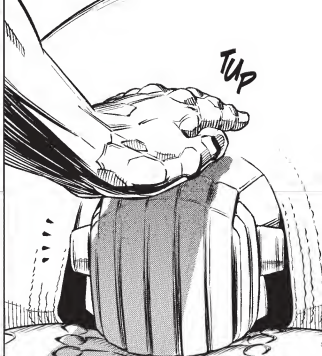
NOBODY
CAN HELP
BUT FEEL
SYMPATHY FOR
ONE WHO
PERFORMS SUCH
A BEAUTIFUL
GESTURE!

How-Now Karate
Pupils



...YOUR
IMITATION
OF A
TOAD?

IS
THAT
...



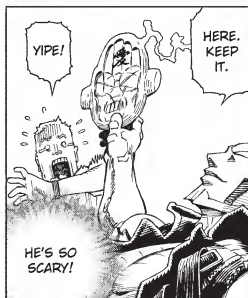
TUP



I DID IT!
HE'S
MINE...

OH!

OOH!



YIPE!

HERE.
KEEP
IT.

HE'S SO
SCARY!



MEANIE
!

Waaah

HOW
COLD
!



...ALL
OF
YOU.

TAKE
NOTE...





FIGHT!

I DON'T
CARE
ABOUT
YOUR
RESUME!

IF ANY
SURVIVORS
STRIKE MY
FANCY, THEN
MAYBE I'LL
LET YOU
JOIN MY
TEAM!

IF YOU
CALL
YOURSELF
A KARATE
MASTER,
PROVE IT!

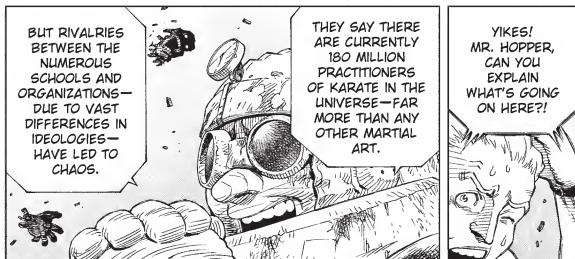




**YES!
A
KARATE
WAR!**

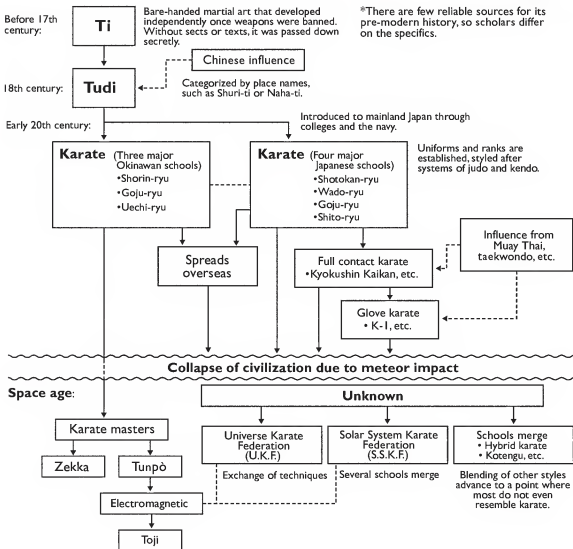
**AN
OUT-AND-OUT
FREE-FOR-ALL!
WHY, IT'S
PRACTICALLY
A WAR!**

**Z.O.T.T.
EXTRA
EDITION,
PART 2!
SPACE
KARATE
FORCES
RESERVIST
TRIALS!**



The birth and evolution of karate

*There are few reliable sources for its pre-modern history, so scholars differ on the specifics.





WITH
SO MANY
PARTICI-
PATING,
SOME REAL
POWER-
HOUSES
HAVE BEEN
CREATED!

Quadrilateral
Karate
Cube

U.K.F. IS
ONE OF THE
TWO
MAJOR
BLOCS!

THEY TEACH
"POPULAR
KARATE" AND
ARE RIDICULED
FOR THEIR
POLITICAL
GOALS AND
COMMERCIAL-
ISM.

Seven Gods of
Fortune Karate
Daikoku

Robo Karate
Robbie

DON'T
UNDER-
VALUE ITS
FUNCTION-
ALITY IN
DOWN-
AND-DIRTY
COMBAT!

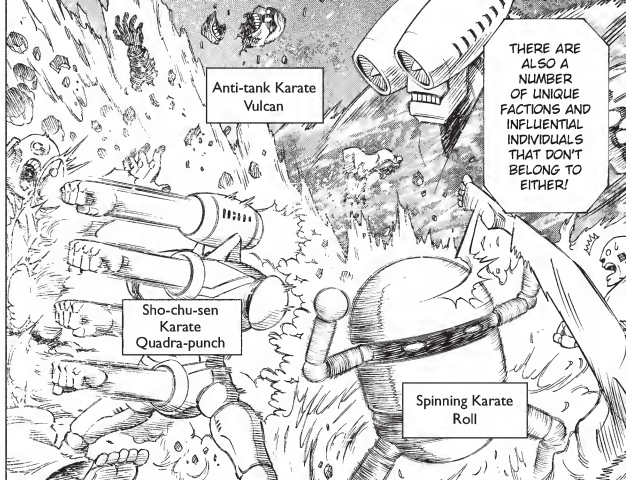
Rider Karate
Grasshoppa

THE
OTHER
FACTION
IS THE
ROUGH-
HEWN
S.S.K.F.!

THEIR
STYLE IS
CLOSE TO
KICK-
BOXING.

Nuclear Corp.
Karate
Pluto

Tesla Karate
Volt



Anti-tank Karate
Vulcan

THERE ARE
ALSO A
NUMBER
OF UNIQUE
FACTIONS AND
INFLUENTIAL
INDIVIDUALS
THAT DON'T
BELONG TO
EITHER!

Sho-chu-sen
Karate
Quadra-punch

Spinning Karate
Roll



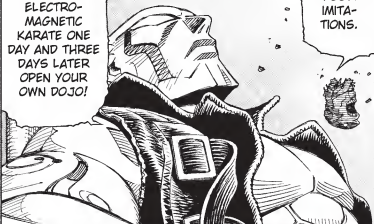
I ALSO
SEE RARE
EXAMPLES OF
WHAT WE
SCHOLARS
CALL U.M.A. —
UNIDENTIFIED
MARTIAL
ARTISTS.

Octo Karate
Kraken

Serpent Karate
Cobra

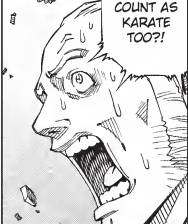
Vampire Karate
Chupacabra

Curve Karate
Squiggle



THESE DAYS,
YOU CAN BE
EXPELLED FROM
ELECTRO-
MAGNETIC
KARATE ONE
DAY AND THREE
DAYS LATER
OPEN YOUR
OWN DOJO!

MOST
ARE BUT
POOR
IMITA-
TIONS.



D-DO
THESE
COUNT AS
KARATE
TOO?!

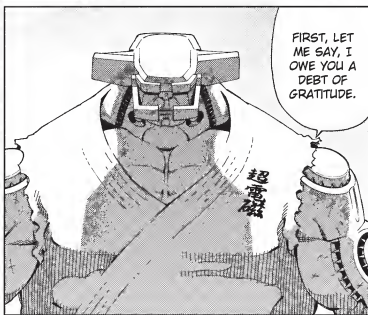
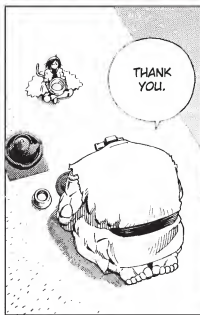
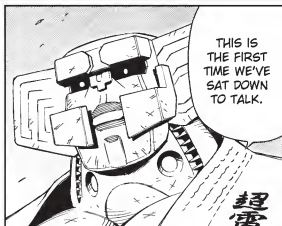
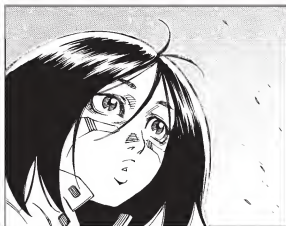


Mad-cow
the Taurus

OVER THERE
IS THE ZODIAC
KARATE
CONSTITUTION!
THEY'VE BEEN
ATTRACTING
ATTENTION
RECENTLY FOR
BEING QUITE
FUNCTIONAL IN
COMBAT!

Sting the Scorpio

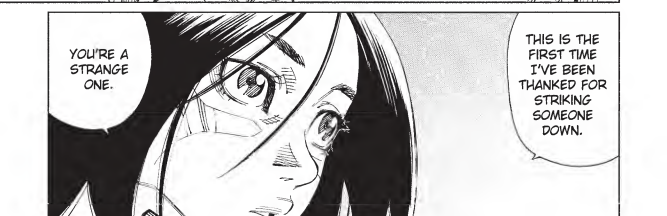
Finnigan the Pisces





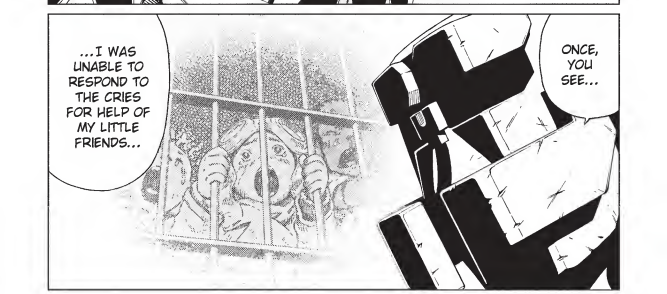
...WOULD
NEVER, IN
MY ENTIRE
LIFE, HAVE
DISCOVERED
THE TRUE
WAY OF
KARATE.

IF I HADN'T
FOUGHT YOU
AND LOST ON
LEVIATHAN I,
THEN I...



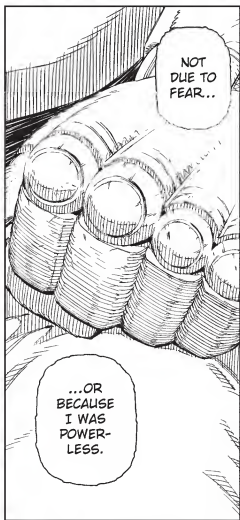
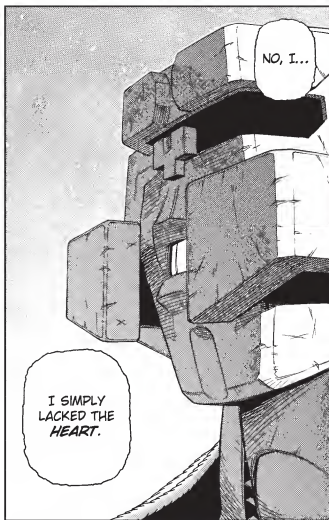
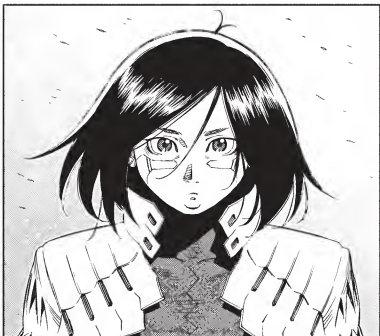
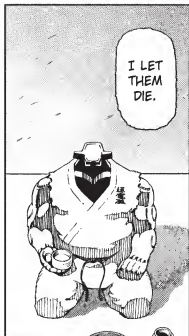
YOU'RE A
STRANGE
ONE.

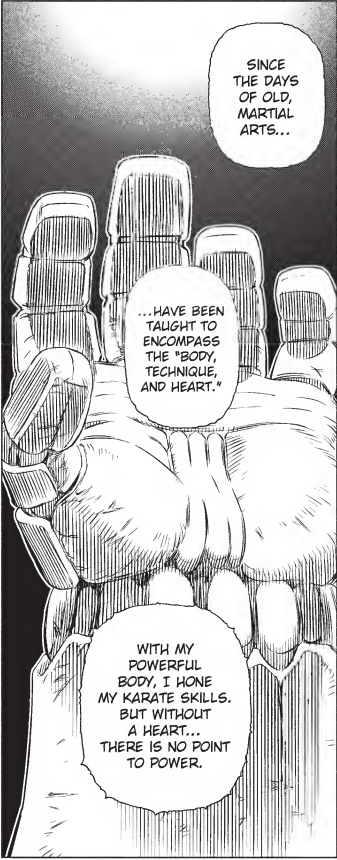
THIS IS THE
FIRST TIME
I'VE BEEN
THANKED FOR
STRIKING
SOMEONE
DOWN.



...I WAS
UNABLE TO
RESPOND TO
THE CRIES
FOR HELP OF
MY LITTLE
FRIENDS...

ONCE,
YOU
SEE...





SINCE
THE DAYS
OF OLD,
MARTIAL
ARTS...

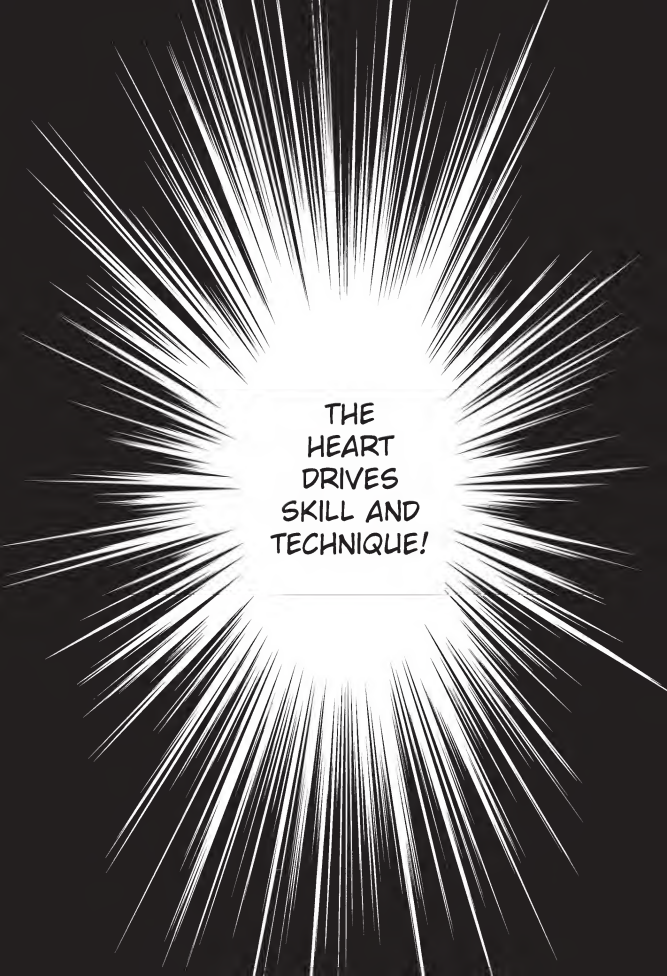
...HAVE BEEN
TAUGHT TO
ENCOMPASS
THE "BODY,
TECHNIQUE,
AND HEART."

WITH MY
POWERFUL
BODY, I HONE
MY KARATE SKILLS.
BUT WITHOUT
A HEART...
THERE IS NO POINT
TO POWER.

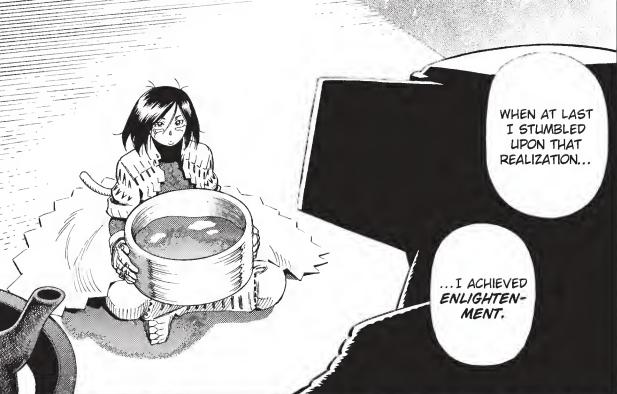


I LACKED
THE HEART
TO REACH
OUT AND
RESPOND TO
THEIR PLEAS.

USING MY
SKILLS TO
SAVE LIVES...
THAT DIDN'T
EVEN OCCUR
TO ME.



THE
HEART
DRIVES
SKILL AND
TECHNIQUE!



WHEN AT LAST
I STUMBLED
UPON THAT
REALIZATION...

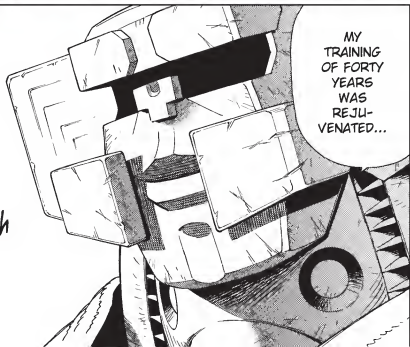
...I ACHIEVED
ENLIGHTEN-
MENT.



...AND
I HAVE
RETURNED
TO THE
IDEALS
WITH WHICH
I STARTED...

heh

MY
TRAINING
OF FORTY
YEARS
WAS
REJU-
VENATED...





...BACK WHEN
I WENT TO
THE DOJO
WITH A THRILL
IN MY HEART!



AS A
WARRIOR,
NOTHING
COULD
MAKE ME
HAPPIER!

...AND HE'S
GROWN
SO MUCH
STRONGER.

I HAVEN'T
BEEN GONE
LONG...



NEXT TIME,
WE'LL BE
ABLE TO FIGHT
WITHOUT
HOLDING
BACK!





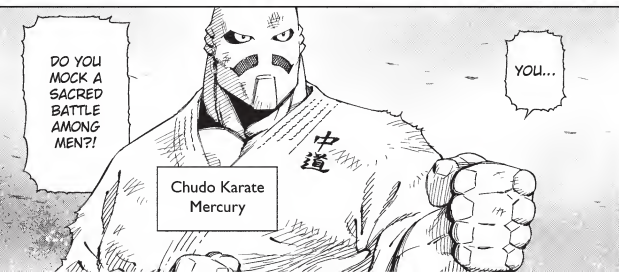
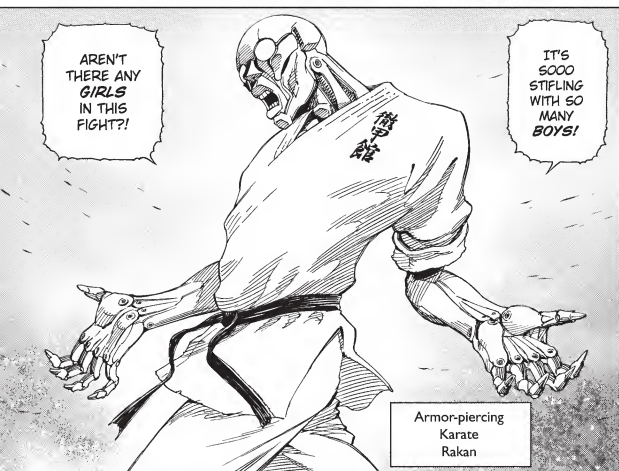
PHASE 74: The Samurai and the Cat





FIVE MINUTES
HAVE PASSED
IN THE KARATE
WARS!
MORE THAN
HALF ARE
ALREADY REDUCED
TO REMAINS!



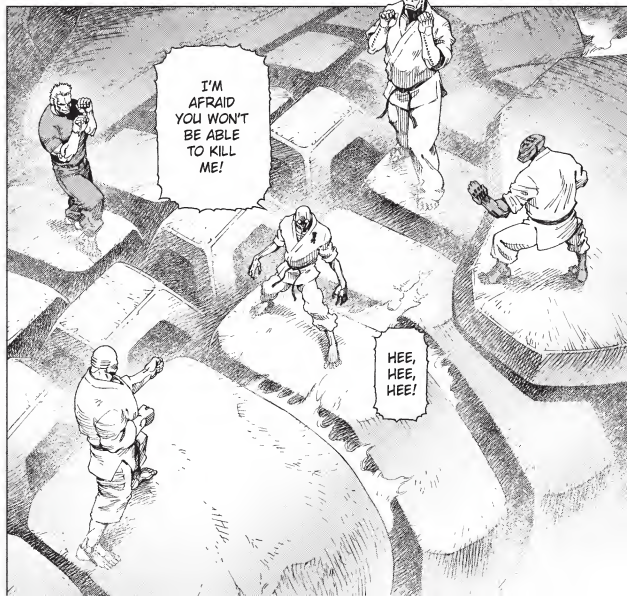




WE SHOULD
EXECUTE HIM
TO SPARE
THE HONOR
OF THE
KARATE
WORLD!

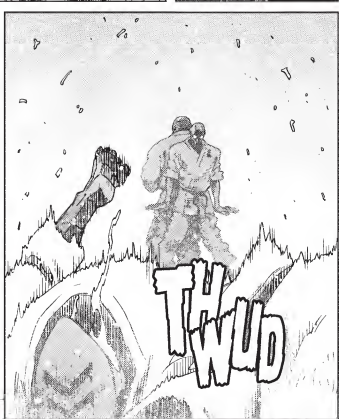
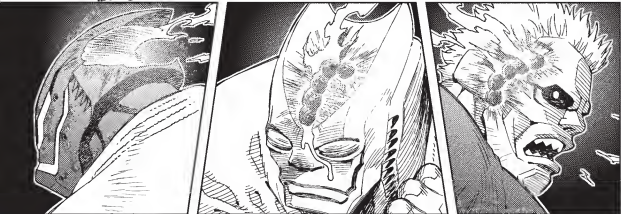


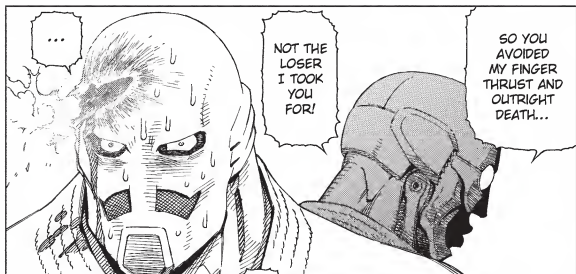
HE'S A
WANTED
MAN—SERIAL
SEXUAL
ASSAULT
AND
MURDER...



I'M
AFRAID
YOU WON'T
BE ABLE
TO KILL
ME!

HEE,
HEE,
HEE!

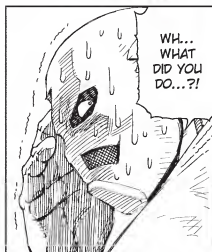




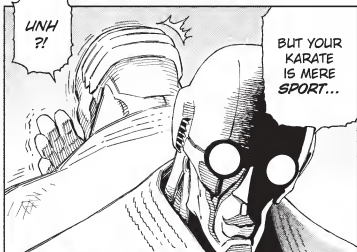
SO YOU
AVOIDED
MY FINGER
THRUST AND
OUTRIGHT
DEATH...

NOT THE
LOSER
I TOOK
YOU
FOR!

...

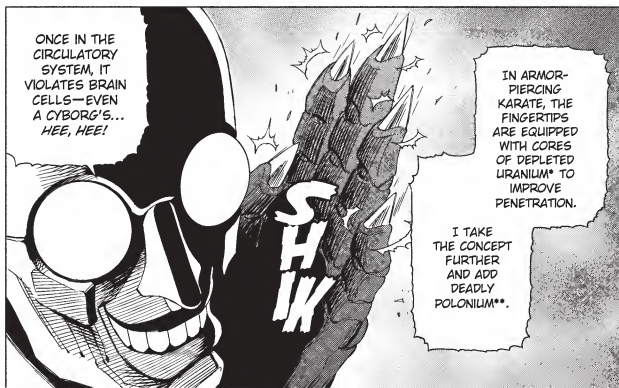


WH...
WHAT
DID YOU
DO...?!



BUT YOUR
KARATE
IS MERE
SPORT...

UHHH
?!

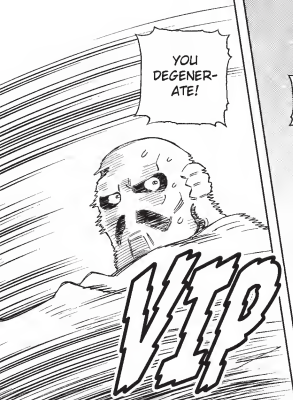


ONCE IN THE
CIRCULATORY
SYSTEM, IT
VIOLATES BRAIN
CELLS—EVEN
A CYBORG'S...
HEE, HEE!

IN ARMOR-
PIERCING
KARATE, THE
FINGERTIPS
ARE EQUIPPED
WITH CORES
OF DEPLETED
URANIUM* TO
IMPROVE
PENETRATION.

I TAKE
THE CONCEPT
FURTHER
AND ADD
DEADLY
POLONIUM**.

SHIK



YOU
DEGENER-
ATE!

UHH
!



IT'S
ALL OVER!
AND YOU'RE
GONNA DIE!
HEE!



IS
THIS THE
FABLED
MERCY
OF THE
SAMURAI?

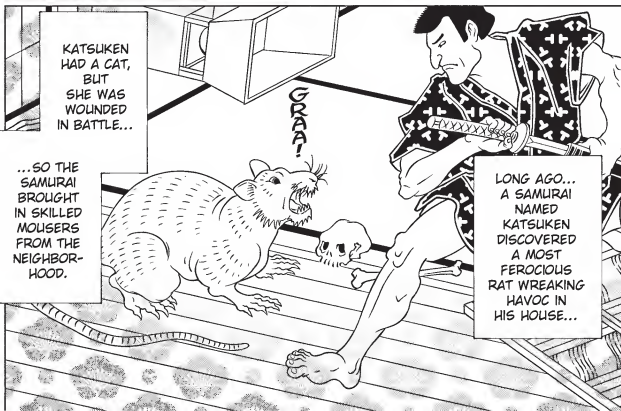
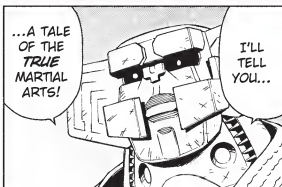
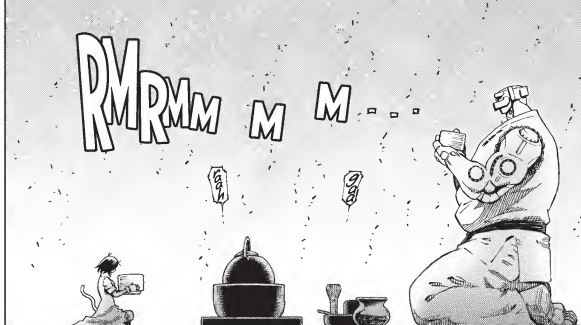
NOT THAT
I'M ANY KIND
OF SAMURAI,
Y'KNOW!
HEE, HEE!



OOPS!

YOU'RE
DEAD.

**Depleted uranium: Heavy metal used in anti-tank shells, due to its high specific gravity of about 19 (1.7 times that of lead).
**Polonium: An element denoted by the symbol Po that has an atomic no. of 84. A silvery white, highly radioactive metallic element discovered by the Curies in 1898.*



KATSUKEN
HAD A CAT,
BUT
SHE WAS
WOUNDED
IN BATTLE...

...SO THE
SAMURAI
BROUGHT
IN SKILLED
MOUSERS
FROM THE
NEIGHBOR-
HOOD.

LONG AGO...
A SAMURAI
NAMED
KATSUKEN
DISCOVERED
A MOST
FEROCIOUS
RAT WREAKING
HAVOC IN
HIS HOUSE...

...SADLY,
THE
TABLES
WERE
TURNED
ON HER.



MY POP
MADE ME
PRACTICE
ACROBATICS
WHEN I
WAS BUT
A KITTEN!

YES,
I WAS
BORN
TO KILL
MICE.

THE
FIRST
WAS A
KEEN
BLACK
CAT.

SHE
WAS
QUICK
WITH
FANG
AND
CLAW,
BUT...



LOOKS
LIKE
ME.



...SADLY,
THE RAT
TOOK HIM
DOWN TOO.



MY
GAZE CAN
FREEZE
A RAT
ON A
ROOF
BEAM!

RRMM

I HAVE
LONG BEEN
ABLE TO
GENERATE
A FIGHTING
SPIRIT THAT
CAN FILL THE
HEAVENS!

NEXT
UP WAS
A LARGE
TIGER
CAT.

A
VETERAN
OF MANY
WARS,
BUT...

JING!



JASHU-
GAN?



...BUT
EVEN THIS
FINE CAT
HAD NO
CHANCE.



...TO
BIND
THE WILL
OF OTHERS,
THEN
CORNER
THEM.

Moon
light

Earth
light

WHY
ANTAGONIZE
WHEN
YOU CAN
HARMONIZE?
I USE MY
MIND...

THEN
CAME A
WISE
OLD
GRAY
CAT.

SUCH A
MASTER OF
PSYCHO-
LOGICAL
TACTICS,
ACCRUED
OVER THE
COURSE OF
A LONG
LIFE...

死

*Death

TOO
BAD.

HEH

YUP.

OH,
HER

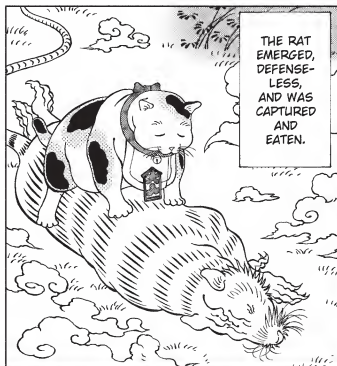
ZA
AH-

SHE
WAS A
SCATTER-
BRAINED
CALICO.

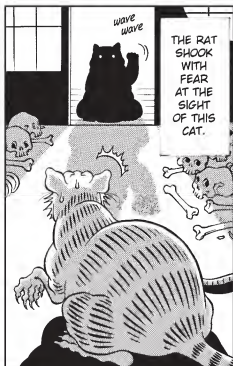


KAT-
SUKEN
WAS
AT A
LOSS.

TOLD OF AN
INCOMPAR-
ABLE
CHAMPION
MOUSER IN A
NEIGHBORING
TOWN, HE HAD
IT BROUGHT
TO HIM...



THE RAT
EMERGED,
DEFENSE-
LESS,
AND WAS
CAPTURED
AND
EATEN.



wave
wave

THE RAT
SHOOK
WITH
FEAR
AT THE
SIGHT
OF THIS
CAT.



WHAT I
PASS ON TO
YOU IS NOT
THE ULTIMATE
ANSWER.
LONG AGO...

...THERE
LIVED A CAT
NEAR MY
HOME WHO
IS BY
FAR MY
SUPERIOR.



WHO
...?!



EMPTY THE
MIND, AND IN
A NATURAL
STATE, YOU'LL
HAVE NO
ENEMY IN
THE WORLD.

THERE
IS NO
NEED FOR
TECHNIQUE.

SHE
THEN
SPOKE
OF HER-
SELF...



THAT
NIGHT,
THE OTHER
CATS
ASKED
WHERE
THEY
HAD GONE
WRONG.

THE
CALICO
POINTED
OUT EACH
OF THEIR
SHORT-
COMINGS...

IT'S NEVER
CERTAIN
IF HE'S
THERE—
OR NOT.
THE
ULTIMATE
MASTERY
WITHOUT
BLOODSHED!

...THE
CHESHIRE
CAT*!

THE
CAT
OF
ALL
CATS
IS...



OOH...

...ZEN!

HEH

THAT'S
REALLY...

MAYBE
IT WAS
SCHRÖDINGER-
ER'S
CAT**?

HMM...
UH...
ACTU-
ALLY...

YOU
DON'T
KNOW?!

*Cheshire cat: An elusive cat who can disappear as he pleases, from *Alice in Wonderland*, by Lewis Carroll (1832-1898).

**Schrödinger's cat: A thought experiment critiquing the quantum mechanics proposition that observation causes a definitive state. Imagine a cat in a sealed box with a bottle of poison. Applying the theory, it would have to exist in both an alive and dead state until the box is opened.

I'VE NEVER
GOTTEN A
REASONABLE
REACTION
TO THIS
STORY
BEFORE!

OH,
ALITA!
I'M SO
MOVED!

JUST
WHAT
CAME INTO
MY HEAD!

IT'S AN
ALLEGORY TO
EXEMPLIFY THE
STAGES OF A
MARTIAL ARTS
EDUCATION.
I DON'T KNOW IF
THE SAMURAI AND
THE CAT* EVEN
APPLIES TO US
ANYMORE.

THAT TALE
IS FROM
AN AGE
BEFORE
ELECTRICITY
WAS
HARNESSED
...

HOW DO
I FEEL...?

HOW
DO YOU
FEEL
NOW?

WON'T
YOU TELL
ME,
ALITA...

*The Samurai and the Cat: More accurately translated as "The Mysterious Skill of the Cat" from the original Japanese of *Neko no Myōjutsu*. The original text is found in *Country Zhuang-zi*, written by Jūdzsaemon Niwa under the pen name of Chōzan Issai and published in 1727. This book of tactics was inspired by Zhuang-zi. Here, it is simplified and dramatized as it is filtered through Toji's vague memory. If you're interested, you can learn more about it on the internet.

WITH
CORPSES
PILING UP,
ONLY A
HANDFUL
REMAIN
ALIVE!

YAH

BASH

WAA

WACK

IT'S
BEEN
TEN
MINUTES
OF PURE
CAR-
NAGE!

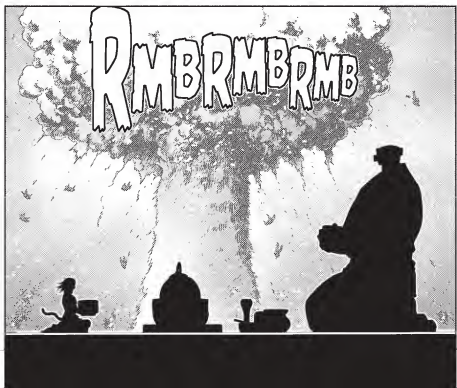
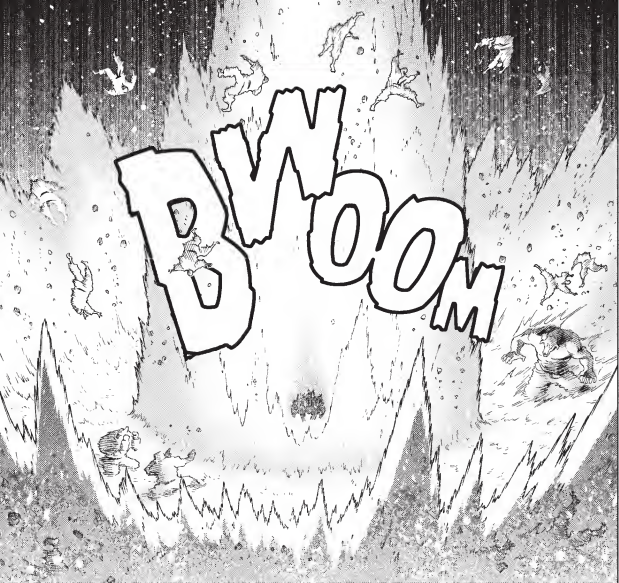


HA
HA
!



ZASH

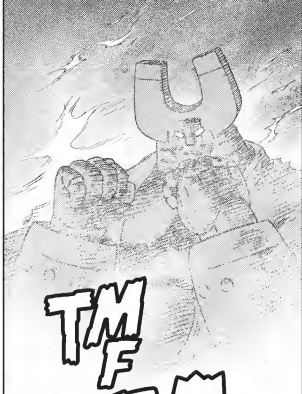
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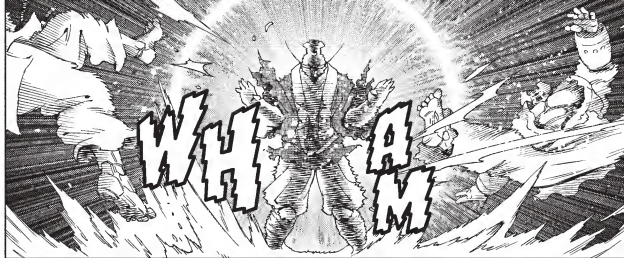


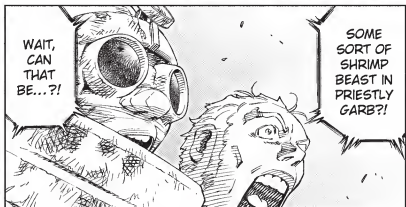
**BE
GONE!**

I'VE
GOT NO
USE FOR
SMALL
FRY.







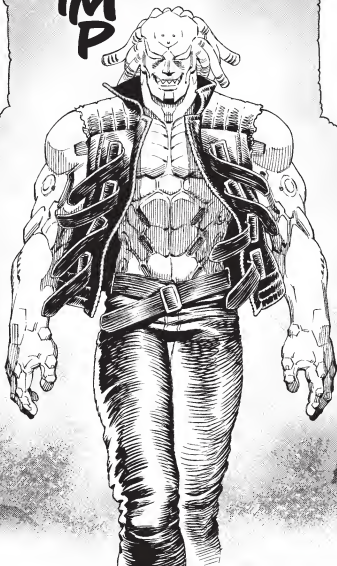


YOU CAME
ALL THE WAY
FROM THE
BOONDOCKS
OF TITAN TO
SEE ME?

TM
P

YOU'RE
TARABA
OF SUPER-
CARAPACE
KARATE—
BUILT ON THE
ESTEEMED
HECHI-STYLE.

HERE
COMES
ZEKKA!

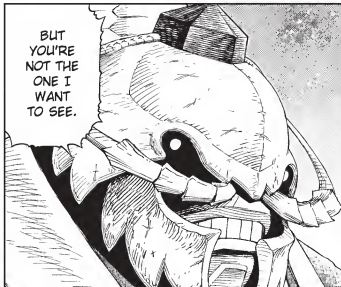


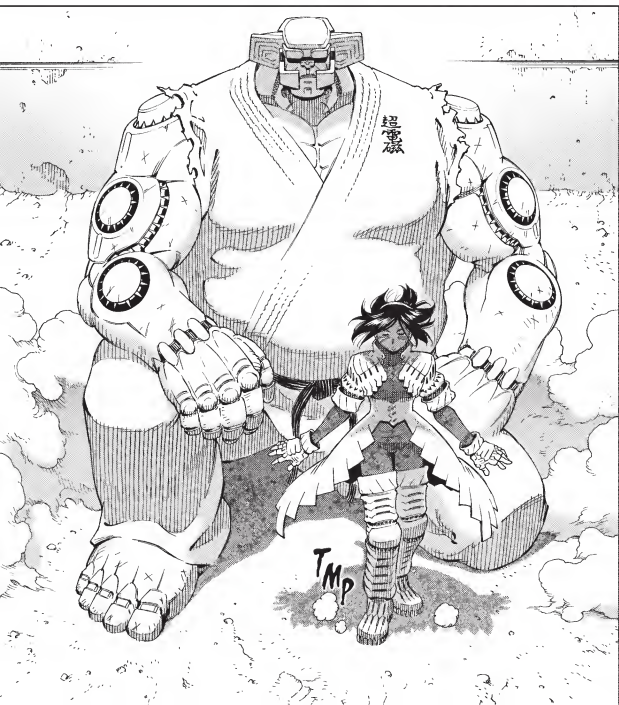
SAY
WHAT
?!

BUT
YOU'RE
NOT THE
ONE I
WANT
TO SEE.

AND WHAT
DID MY
SENSEI
TELL ME
OF YOU?

THAT AN
OLD FART
ON MARS
HAS A
GIFTED
PUPIL OF
SHURI-TI.





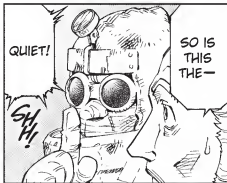
TO FACE THE
LEGENDARY
TARABA... THERE
IS NO HIGHER
HONOR!



I WISH
TO SPAR
WITH
YOU.

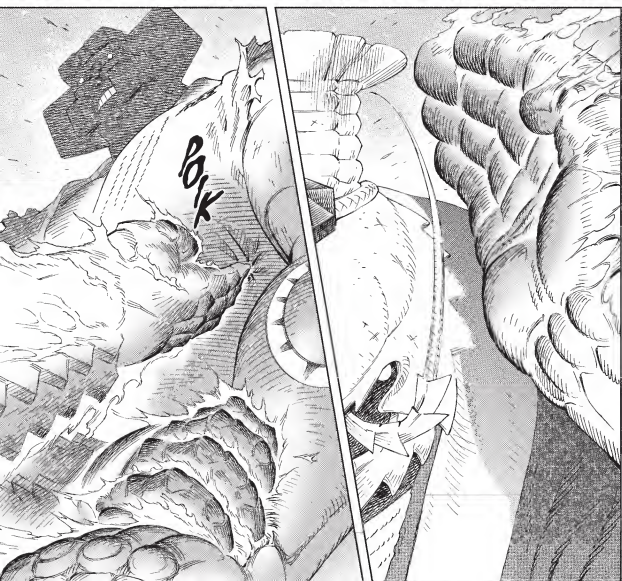


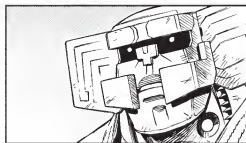
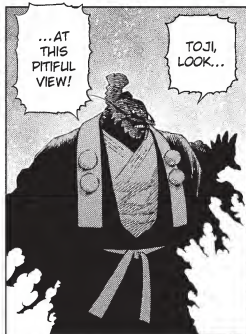
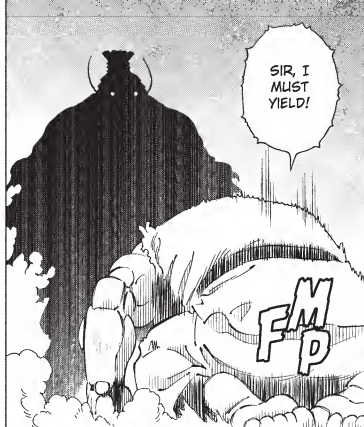
TOJI,
ELECTRO-
MAGNETIC
KARATE!



QUIET!

SO IS
THIS
THE—

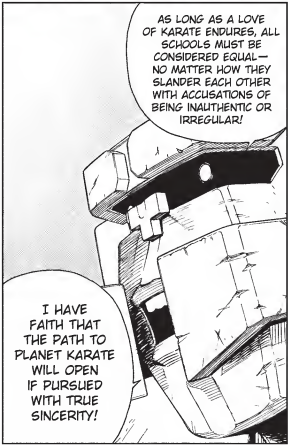






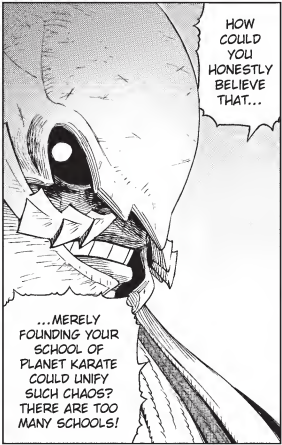
THIS IS
A MICRO-
COSM
OF OUR
WORLD!

A SCENE
OF MASS
CARNAGE...
THE
RESULT OF
UNBRIDLED
SELFISH-
NESS!



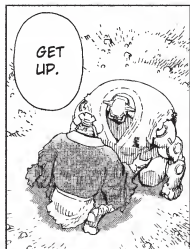
AS LONG AS A LOVE
OF KARATE ENDURES, ALL
SCHOOLS MUST BE
CONSIDERED EQUAL—
NO MATTER HOW THEY
SLANDER EACH OTHER
WITH ACCUSATIONS OF
BEING INAUTHENTIC OR
IRREGULAR!

I HAVE
FAITH THAT
THE PATH TO
PLANET KARATE
WILL OPEN
IF PURSUED
WITH TRUE
SINCERITY!

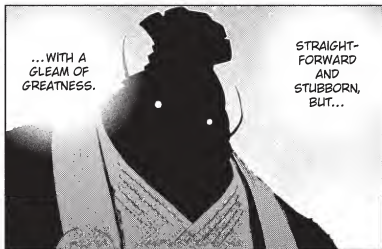


HOW
COULD
YOU
HONESTLY
BELIEVE
THAT...

...MERELY
FOUNDING YOUR
SCHOOL OF
PLANET KARATE
COULD UNIFY
SUCH CHAOS?
THERE ARE TOO
MANY SCHOOLS!



GET
UP.



...WITH A
GLEAM OF
GREATNESS.

STRAIGHT-
FORWARD
AND
STUBBORN,
BUT...



TARABA,
THANK
YOU...!

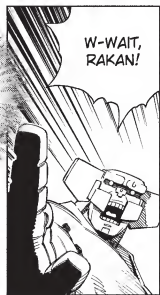
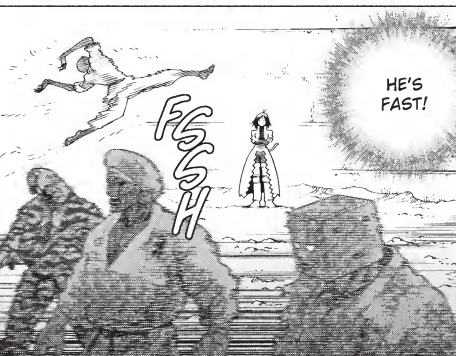
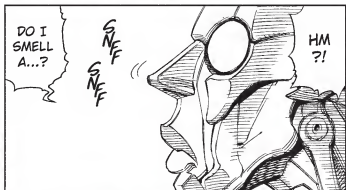
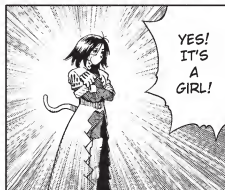
GWON

MAKE USE
OF MY OLD
DECREPIT
LIFE TO
FULFILL YOUR
ASPIRATIONS!



HEE,
HEE,
HEE!

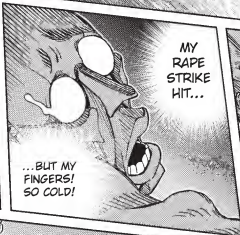
TMF





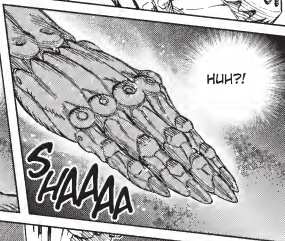
OH,
DEAR
ME!

TH
W
UK



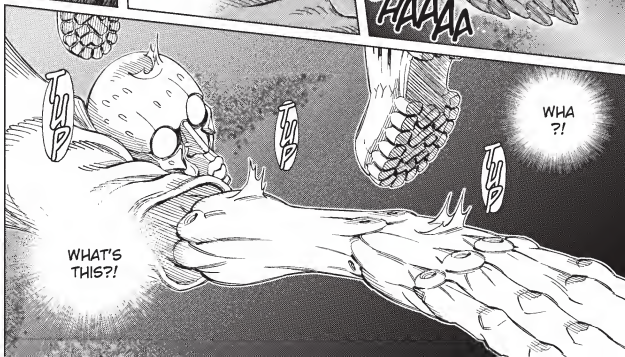
MY
RAPE
STRIKE
HIT...

...BUT MY
FINGERS!
SO COLD!



HUH?!

SHAAAA



WHAT'S
THIS?!

WHA
?!



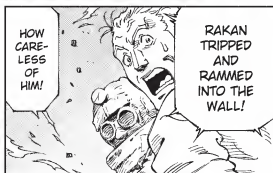
TOJI...

ABOUT
WHAT YOU
ASKED...



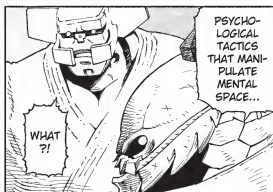
THAT
GIRL...
SHE'S GOT
SOME-
THING!

BUT
DOES
SHE
KNOW
IT...?



HOW
CARE-
LESS
OF
HIM!

RAKAN
TRIPPED
AND
RAMMED
INTO THE
WALL!



WHAT
?!

PSYCHO-
LOGICAL
TACTICS
THAT MANI-
PULATE
MENTAL
SPACE...



MY MIND
AND BODY
CAN MOVE
FREELY.

I'M
CONFIDENT
NO ONE CAN
DEFEAT ME.

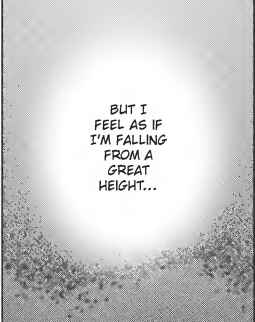


IF I'M
MOVING
FASTER,
ACCELERATING
IN THIS
DESCENT...

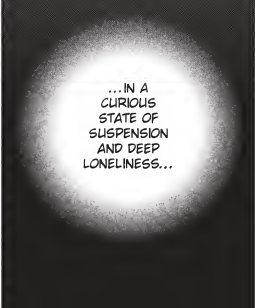


...WHAT
AWAITS
ME AT THE
END...?

To be continued...

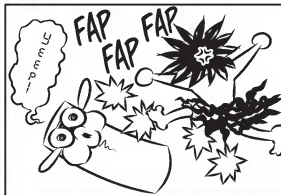


BUT I
FEEL AS IF
I'M FALLING
FROM A
GREAT
HEIGHT...

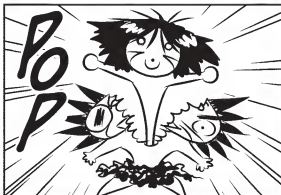
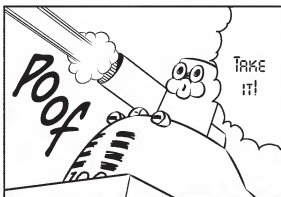


...IN A
CURIOUS
STATE OF
SUSPENSION
AND DEEP
LONELINESS...

Honest to a Fault!



Instant Makeover!

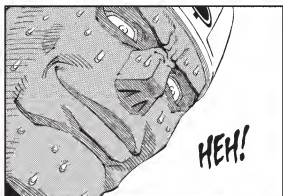
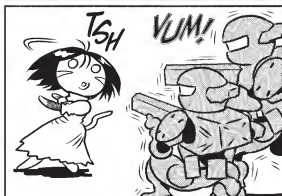
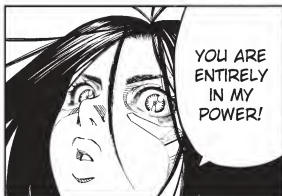


I'm the brat who stepped on the stuffed movie monster's tail and obstructed the parade in front of Goko Station in Chiba 30-odd years ago. I'm sorry, guy inside.

Just Kidding Punch!

part 1

1 Trillion Volt Eyes!



WHEN YOUR LIFE IS GOING SMOOTHLY, THAT'S WHEN YOU SHOULD BE THE MOST VIGILANT!

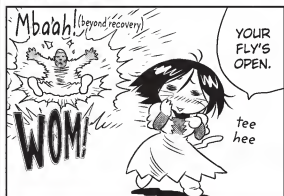
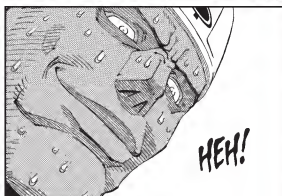
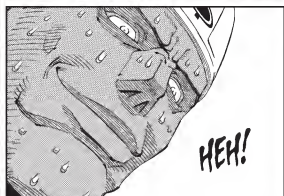
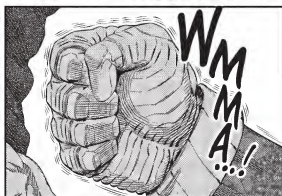
Just Kidding Punch!

part 3

Just Kidding Punch!

part 2

RULERS MUST ALWAYS BE MINDFUL OF THEIR FLY.



New Characters

*Friend or enemy? Young or old! Man or woman!
Create unique minor characters!*

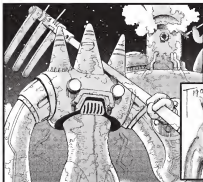
New Costumes

*The protagonist Alita will wear the new
costumes you've thought up!*

New Characters that we've used so far

Last Order
NEW Characters!
NEW Costumes!
Made by YOU!

Last Order: Phase 66-



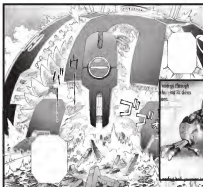
"Jovian
farmer"



"Lieutenant
Commander
Chernov
727"



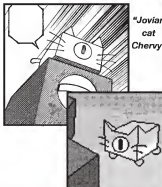
By Unagi Yamashiro (Okinawa)



"Warmen 609 first
form: Übernaut"



By David Phillips
(FL, USA)



"Jovian
cat
Cherry"

By Crachica Minura (Kanagawa)

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JUNKS

The Space Rovers

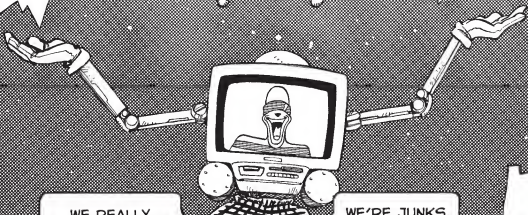
Part 2



THE PIRATE
GUILD IS
HAPPY TO
WELCOME
YOU AND
YOUR
YOUTHFUL
ENERGY INTO
ITS RANKS!

PIRATES!

THE
HIDDEN
FORCE
DRIVING
TODAY'S
GALACTIC
ECONOMY!

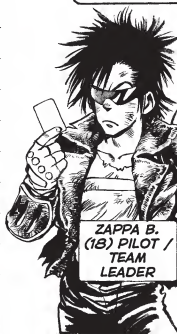


WE REALLY
WANTED THEM,
SO WE JOINED
THE PIRATE
GUILD AFTER
SOME WEIRD
GUY WE MET
TOLD US TO.
THAT BRINGS
US TO NOW...

ESCAPING FROM
STARBAY WAS NO
PROBLEM, BUT AFTER
THAT, WE WEREN'T
ABLE TO DO
ANYTHING ON THE
ASTEROID BLACK
MARKET, ALL
BECAUSE WE DIDN'T
HAVE SOME STUPID
"PIRATE IDS"!

WE'RE JUNKS,
A GROUP OF
SPACE
PIRATES
FORMED ONE
DAY AFTER AN
OFF-HANDED
COMMENT
MADE BY ME,
ALEPH!

A LASER
HOLOGRAM
WATER-
MARK,
HUH?



ZAPPA B.
(18) PILOT /
TEAM
LEADER



DAIZABURO S.
(17) ENGINEER



JIMMY T.
(14)
GUNNER



ALEPH K.
(16) GUNNER

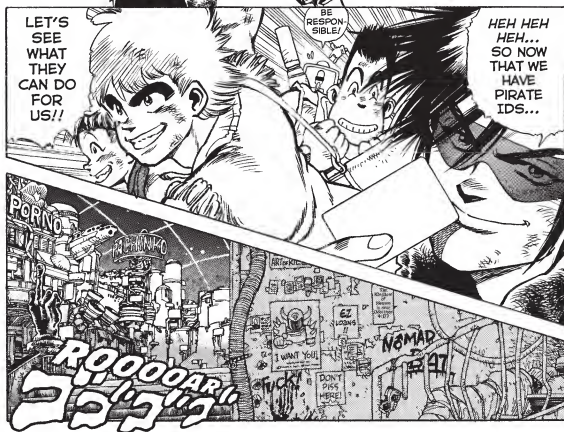
THE JUNKER

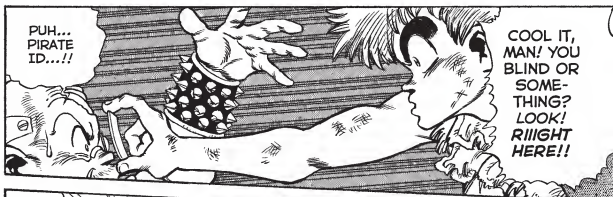
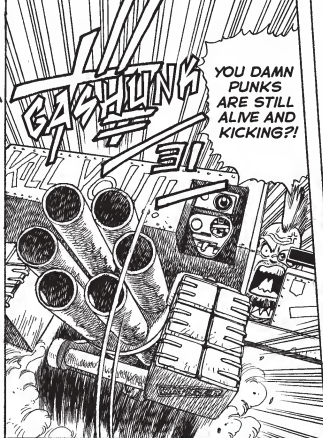
AND I'LL
BE JOINING
YOUR CREW
AS A GUILD
CONSUL-
TANT!

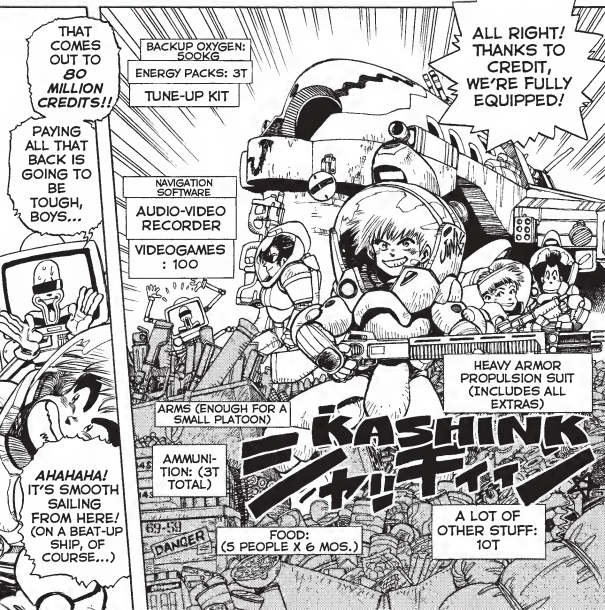
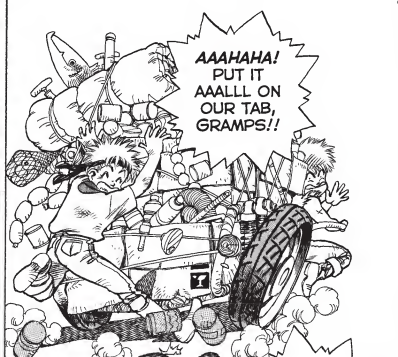
JUST
PROMISE
TO WEAR
FRESH
BOXERS.

FINE
WITH
ME!

THE MYSTERIOUS
MR. TV (REAL
NAME: JOHN II)
CONSULTANT







THAT
COMES
OUT TO
80
MILLION
CREDITS!!

PAYING
ALL THAT
BACK IS
GOING TO
BE
TOUGH,
BOYS...

AAAAHAHA!
IT'S SMOOTH
SAILING
FROM HERE!
(ON A BEAT-UP
SHIP, OF
COURSE...)

ALL RIGHT!
THANKS TO
CREDIT,
WE'RE FULLY
EQUIPPED!

BACKUP OXYGEN:
500KG

ENERGY PACKS: 3T

TUNE-UP KIT

NAVIGATION
SOFTWARE

AUDIO-VIDEO
RECORDER

VIDEOGAMES
: 100

ARMS (ENOUGH FOR A
SMALL PLATOON)

AMMUNITION:
(3T
TOTAL)

FOOD:
(5 PEOPLE X 6 MOS.)

HEAVY ARMOR
PROPULSION SUIT
(INCLUDES ALL
EXTRAS)

A LOT OF
OTHER STUFF:
10T

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DANGER

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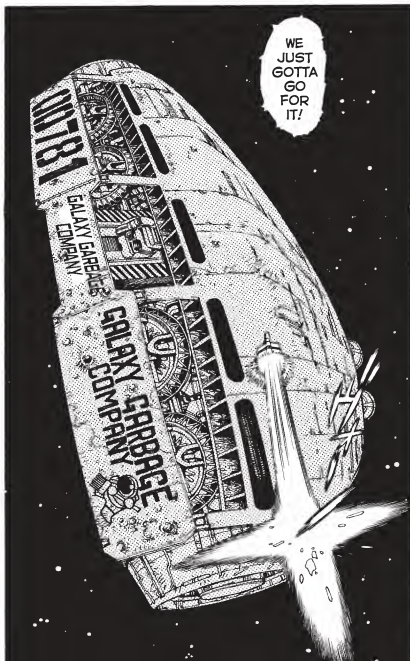


300
MILLION
!!

AND
THEY'RE
GONNA
BE ALL
OURS!!

THERE'S A
SECRET ROUTE
WHERE JEWELS
ARE TRANSPORTED
BY A SHIP
CAMOUFLAGED AS
A TRASH
COLLECTOR!
IT'S HOLDING
DIAMONDS WORTH
300 MILLION
CREDITS!!

WE
BOUGHT
A GREAT
TIP, TOO!



WE
JUST
GOTTA
GO
FOR
IT!

THE ONLY
PROBLEM IS
THAT WE
DON'T KNOW
WHICH ONE
OF THE 300
TRASH
CONTAINERS
THE
DIAMONDS
ARE IN.

IT'S AN
EASY
TARGET.
NOT
EVEN AN
ESCORT.



ANYWAY!



ONE FALSE MOVE AND I'LL SHOOT!

WE'RE PIRATES !!

I ALWAYS WANTED TO SAY THAT!

NOW WHY DON'T YOU TELL US WHERE THE DIAMONDS ARE?!

BOOK HIM!!



O... OF COURSE WE DO! WHO DO YOU THINK WE ARE?!

?!

HM? YOU BOYS NEW AT THIS? YOU'VE GOT PIRATE ID, RIGHT?



MY MOM USED TO SAY...

IF YOU DON'T KNOW SOMETHING, JUST ASK SOMEONE!

STOMP STOMP



WH... WH... WH...

TREMBLE

TREMBLE

WHAAT?! SNAP



OKAY, YOU'RE FREE TO GO. HAVE A NICE DAY.



JUNKS, 5-MAN CREW... YOUR SHARE'S 10 MILLION.

JEWELS ARE IN CONTAINER #9.



OKAY, SIGN HERE!

THE
WORLD'S
ALL
ABOUT
GIVE AND
TAKE!

HM?
YOU
DIDN'T
KNOW?

**BUT IF PIRATES
DISAPPEARED,
THE POLICE
WOULD BE OUT
OF JOBS! THE
NEWSPAPERS
WOULD HAVE
LESS TO WRITE
ABOUT, TOO!**

THAT JUST
MAKES US
COLLEC-
TION
AGENTS!
THERE'S
NO NEED
FOR
PIRATES!



LISTEN
UP... I
JOINED YOU
GUYS
BECAUSE I
WANTED TO
LIVE A COM-
PLETELY
HONEST
LIFE!!

WELL,
IT'S
NOT
LIKE
THAT,
BUT...

OR ARE YOU
SAYING THAT
YOU WANTED
TO BECOME
ROBBERS
AND
MURDERERS
?

DON'T LET HIM DUPE YOU, YA BUNCH OF IDIOTS!

YEAH, THAT'S
WHAT I
WANTED TO
SAY! THAT'S A
COLLEGE
MAN FOR
YOU!

HE'S
TALKING
ABOUT CRAP
AGAIN!

W
H
O
A
!

YOU'RE
MAKING
FOOLS OF
HONEST MEN
BY TRYING TO
PRETTY UP
LIES AND
DECEPTION BY
COVERING
THEM IN
CRAP!

THAT'S
WHAT WE
CALL
"HYPOC-
RISY"!!



AAAGH!!
LEMMIE
GO, I'LL
KILL ALL
OF YOU!!

RUN
WHILE
YOU CAN,
OLD
MAN!

THANKS,
I OWE
YOU!

E
E
K
!

SHIPP!!

CALM
DOWN,
YOU
PSYCHO!

BOOM
BOOM



HYPOC-
RISY IS MY
SWORN
ENEMY!!

I... I GET
YOUR
POINT! YOU
CAN TAKE
ALL THE
DIAMONDS!
(THEY'RE NOT
MINE,
ANYWAY.)



I THINK
HE'S
HAD
ENOUGH,
ZAPPA.

DOES
HE SEEM
STRANGE
TO YOU?

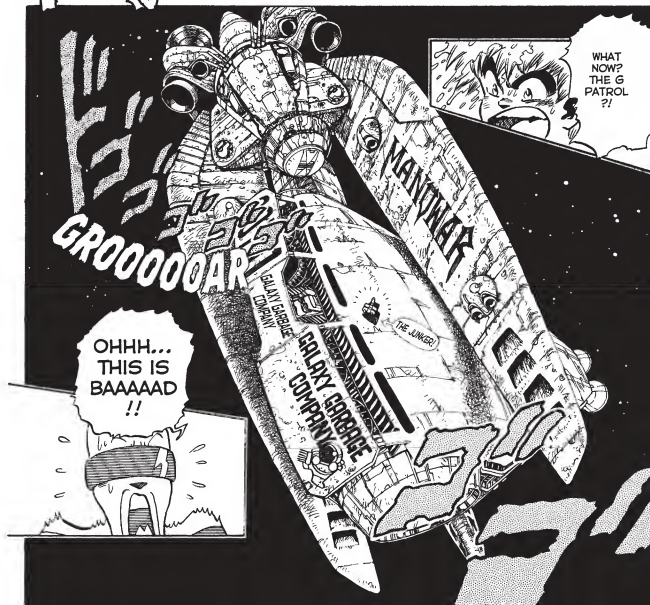


MUST
DIE!!

HYPO-
CRITES
...

EHEHE
IAA

YOU'RE
ALL
DEAD!!



PIRATE GUILD
REGISTRATION
NUMBER
SR-02-088

MANOWAR!!
THEY'RE
YOUR
SENIORS A
HUNDRED
TIMES
OVER!

KINGS OF METAL

WHO
THE
HELL
ARE
YOU
...?

1/0 1/0 CREEP
CREEP

WE'RE
HERE
FOR THE
DIAMONDS,
OLD
MAN...
HMM?

L... LISTEN TO
ME! FORGET
ABOUT THE
DIAMONDS! BE
POLITE! YOU
CAN'T OFFEND
THEM!

SO
THEY'RE
HERE ON
THE
SAME
TIP?

GET
LOST IF
YOU
VALUE
YOUR
LIVES!

EARLY
BIRD
GETS THE
WORM!

WE'RE
NOT
AFRAID
OF A
BUNCH
OF
PIRATES
IN BED
WITH THE
MAN!

N...
NOOOO
!!

GUILD LAWS
SHOULD
STRICTLY
PROHIBIT
FIGHTING
AMONG
MEMBERS...

...AND?

WE RAN
INTO UNEX-
PECTED
TROUBLE...
21 OF OUR
MEN WERE
INJURED...
BOSS.

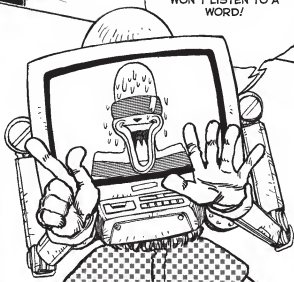
HMM
...

MANOWAR PIRATE BOSS
MR. SCARY
(PIRATE GUILD EXECUTIVE
STAFF)

OH, I'M
TERRIBLY
ASHAMED!

THIS CALLS
INTO
QUESTION
YOUR
LEADER-
SHIP QUAL-
ITIES AS A
CONSUL-
TANT!

I DID EVERYTHING I
COULD TO STOP
THEM!! BUT WELL,
THOSE KIDS ARE JUST
FULL OF PENT-UP
FRUSTRATION! THEY
WON'T LISTEN TO A
WORD!



STOP
ACTING UP,
ALL OF
YOU!!

PIRATE
GUILD MY
ASS, YOU
PANSY!

IF WE DO NOT
USE OUR
WORDS
ACCORDING
TO COMMON
RULES, WE
CANNOT
CONVEY OUR
THOUGHTS TO
OTHERS!

WORDS.

IT'S
UNLIKELY
THAT WE'D
HAVE
SELF-CON-
SCIOUSNESS
WITHOUT THE
CONSTRUCT
OF LANGUAGE,
EITHER...

RULES...

THERE ARE
MANY
KINDS OF
RULES...
FOR
EXAMPLE
...

P... PLEASE...
JUST SPARE
OUR LIVES...

BUT YOU'RE
MEN, TOO.
THAT MEANS
YOU HAVE TO
FOLLOW THE
RULES!

AHAHAHA/
YOU'RE
SPIRITED,
I'LL GIVE
YOU THAT!

OH OH OH
ホホホ

...WE
PUBLICIZE
OURSELVES
AS DIABOLIC
SCOUNDRELS
WHO TURN
THEIR BACKS
ON THE LAWS
OF SOCIETY.

AS
WE ARE
"PIRATES,"
...

AND
INDEED,
THAT IS
WHAT WE
DID UNTIL
THE GUILD
CAME INTO
EXISTENCE.

LANGUAGE GIVES
BIRTH TO HUMAN
RELATIONSHIPS...
AND IT'S THE
ORGANIZATION
OF THOSE
RELATIONSHIPS
THAT CREATES
THE SYSTEMS WE
REFER TO AS
"SOCIETIES"...

AH
ハ
?

AND IT'S IN
THOSE
SOCIETIES
THAT
"HUMANS"
BECOME
"MEN." (AND
FOR THOSE
"MEN" TO
BECOME
"SUPERMEN,"
THEY MUST...
YADDA
YADDA)

HM...?
WHAT
WERE WE
TALKING
ABOUT?
OH,
RULES!

I DON'T
DO
MUCH IN THIS
STORY
...

WE RECKLESSLY
STOLE AND ATE AWAY
AT EACH OTHER'S
LIVES, KILLED ONE
ANOTHER, AND WERE
SLEEP-DEPRIVED
FROM THE CONSTANT
PARANOIA! MANY A
STRONG MAN FELL TO
MENTAL BREAKDOWN
OR STOMACH
ULCERS...

THAT IS
WHEN WE
LEARNED
!!

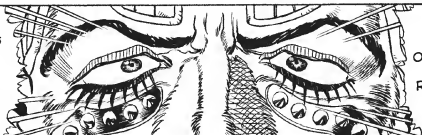
WAIT FOR ME
IN VALHALLA,
MY
FRIENDS!

UNTIL THE
FORMATION
OF THE
GUILD...
PIRACY WAS A
WRETCHED
BUSINESS! ...



AND OUR RULE IS
MONEY! A GRAND
RULE THAT EVEN TIES
US TO LAWFUL
SOCIETY! AND THE
GUILD IS THE
SYSTEM BUILT ON
THIS RULE — ONE
THAT ALLOWS US TO
COEXIST!

EVEN
OUTLAWS
NEED
RULES!!



AH, MY
BOY! A
TOUGH
LIFE, YOU
SAY?!

SMELLS
LIKE A
LOAD OF
CRAP TO
ME!

THEY'RE
NOT
LISTENING!

PIRATE
GUILD MY
ASS, YOU
PANSY
PIRATE!

ZAPPA
MIGHT'VE
BECOME A
PIRATE
BECAUSE
HE WANTED
TO LIVE AN
HONEST
LIFE...

BUT ME?!
I BECAME A
PIRATE
BECAUSE I
WANT TO
LIVE A
TOUGH
LIFE!!

I DIDN'T
BECOME
A PIRATE
BECAUSE
I WANTED
MONEY!

THEN WHY DON'T
YOU PLAY A
GAME WITH ME
TO PROVE THAT!
WE'LL BET YOUR
FRIENDS'
FREEDOM, AS
WELL AS THE
CONTAINER OF
DIAMONDS!



A RACE ON
HEAT-RESISTANT
CERAMIC BOARDS WHERE
RACERS GLIDE ACROSS
THE ATMOSPHERE OF A
PLANET... LOSE YOUR
BALANCE AND YOU'LL
EITHER BE TOSSED INTO
SPACE OR BURNT TO A
CRISP BY ATMOSPHERIC
FRICTION! IT'S
SURFING... WITH YOUR
LIFE ON THE LINE!!

A
FIREBOARD
LAP AROUND
A PLANET!



IF I LOSE,
NOT ONLY
WILL I OVER-
LOOK YOUR
TRANSGRES-
SIONS, I'LL
EVEN GIVE
YOU THE
DIAMONDS!

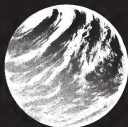
YOU
GONNA
BE
OKAY
...?

SOUNDS
INTER-
ESTING!
JUST
WHAT I
WANTED!!

EXECUTIVE
OFFICER,
BEGIN THE
PREPARA-
TIONS!

SIR!

YOUR
CONSULTANT,
MR. JOHN II,
CAN JUDGE.



FRONTIER PLANET DP-66
TYPE: VENUSIAN /
UNINHABITED

I
HAVEN'T
FELT
THIS
EXCITED
IN A
WHILE
...!

SWOOSH!

LEAVE
IT TO
ME!



THEREFORE, THE
USE OF WEAPONS
IS STRICTLY
PROHIBITED!
BOTH TEAMS, BE
SURE TO PLAY
FAIR!!

C'MON,
ALEPH!

ARE YOU READY?!
THIS IS AN OFFICIAL
GAME TO BE PLAYED
UNDER GUILD
REGULATIONS! THE
RESULTS WILL BE
KEPT IN THE GUILD
RECORDS!

CHEER
CHEER

READY
...!
SET
...!!

Rocket
Run

GLANCE

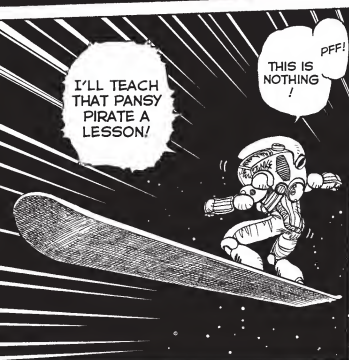
GRIP

HEAVEN IS NEW
HEAVY!
AND HE!

FIGHT HARD
FIGHT FAST
PLAY LOUD

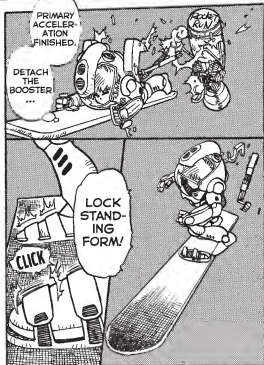
BOOOOOM

GOOOOOO!!



I'LL TEACH
THAT PANSY
PIRATE A
LESSON!

PFF!
THIS IS
NOTHING
!

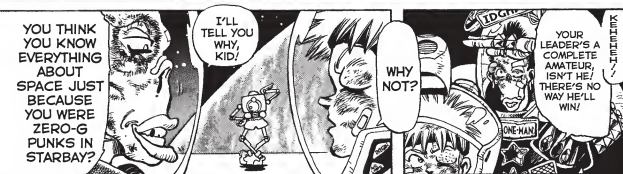


PRIMARY
ACCELER-
ATION
FINISHED.

DETACH
THE
BOOSTER
...

LOCK
STAND-
ING
FORM!

CLICK



YOU THINK
YOU KNOW
EVERYTHING
ABOUT
SPACE JUST
BECAUSE
YOU WERE
ZERO-G
PUNKS IN
STARBAY?

I'LL
TELL YOU
WHY,
KID!

WHY
NOT?

YOUR
LEADER'S A
COMPLETE
AMATEUR,
ISN'T HE?
THERE'S NO
WAY HE'LL
WIN!

WHEN YOU FIREBOARD,
YOU'RE NOT USING GYROS
OR ELECTRONIC CONTROLS.
YOU HAVE TO MANAGE TO
GRAZE ALONG THE
STRATOSPHERE USING
NOTHING BUT YOUR
SENSES!! YOU HAVE TO BE
SUPERHUMAN TO PULL THAT
OFF. LESS THAN TEN
PEOPLE IN THE GALAXY CAN
DO IT, AND OUR BOSS IS
ONE OF THEM!! KAAHAHA!

REMEMBER DARK
STAR? HE JUST
BURNED INTO
DUST!!

THE TRULY
SCARY PARTS
OF SPACE ARE
THE ONES WITH
GRAVITATIONAL
PULL! YOU
MUST HAVE NO
IDEA HOW
TERRIFYING
ATMOSPHERIC
REENTRY IS!

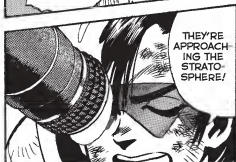
THIS
CONTAINER
OF
DIAMONDS
IS GOING
TO BELONG
TO
MANOWAR...
THAT'S A
GIVEN.

BUT THANKS
FOR THE
ENTERTAIN-
MENT.
IT HELPS
BREAK
UP THE
MONOTONY!
KEHEHEH...

9

FORGET
ABOUT
THE
RACE!

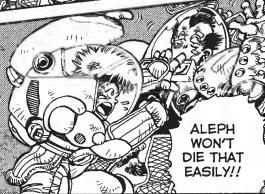
THAT LITTLE
PUNK'S
JUST GOING
TO GET
HIMSELF
KILLED!
HE'LL BE
ANOTHER
SHOOTING
STAR IN THE
SKY.



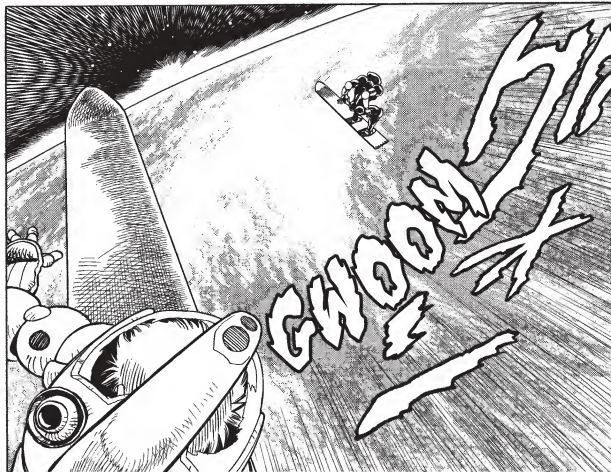
THEY'RE
APPROACH-
ING THE
STRATO-
SPHERE!

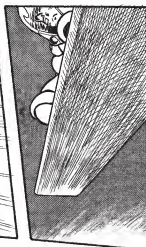
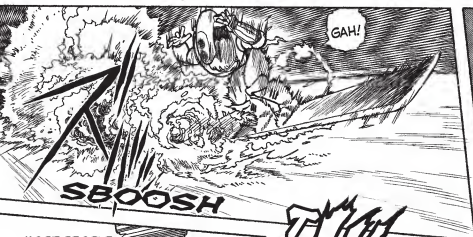
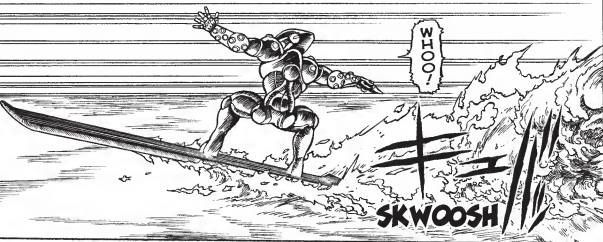


STOP,
JIMMY!



ALEPH
WON'T
DIE THAT
EASILY!!





MOST PEOPLE
PASS OUT
FROM A
CONCUSSION
... MUST BE
BEGINNER'S
LUCK!!

YOU
CLEARED
THE FIRST
APPROACH!

AND... FIRE'S
SPRAYING FROM
OUR BOARDS!
SO THIS IS WHAT
THEY MEAN BY
ATMOSPHERIC
FRICTION!!

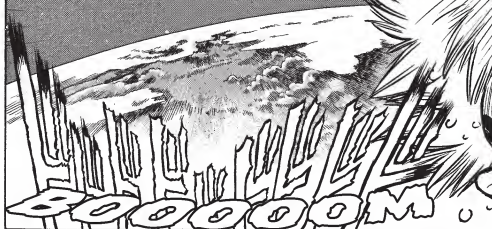
AAAGH!
WH...
WHAT AN
IMPACT!



THIS...
THIS
GUY'S
GOOD
...!

IT'S NOTHING LIKE
WHAT YOU SEE ON TV.
IT'S... MAKIN' ME
DIZZY.

I
CAN'T
BELIEVE
PLANETS
ARE
THIS
BIG!!



IT'S 2000
DEGREES
UNDER MY
BOARD. NO
ARMOR IN THE
WORLD COULD
WITHSTAND
THAT!

MY BOARD'S
WHITE-HOT, AND MY
SPACE SUIT IS
HEATING UP,
TOO...

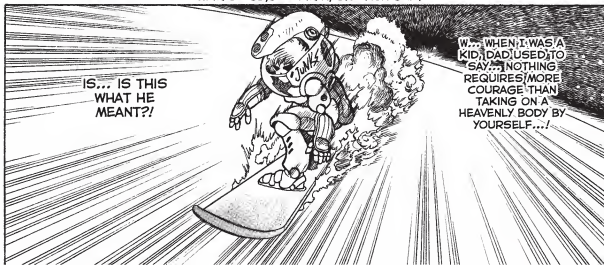
I... I CAN
BARELY STAY
STANDING...!!
CAN... I LAST
UNTIL THE FINISH
LINE...?!

THE PLANET'S
ATTRACTION PLUS
THE CENTRIFUGAL
FORCE IS CAUSING
THE WORLD
AROUND ME TO
SPIN BY AT 11
KWS... *

* 11KWS = 39,600 KWH, OR MACH 32.4

IS... IS THIS
WHAT HE
MEANT?!

W... WHEN I WAS A
KID, DAD USED TO
SAY... NOTHING
REQUIRES MORE
COURAGE THAN
TAKING ON A
HEAVENLY BODY BY
YOURSELF...!

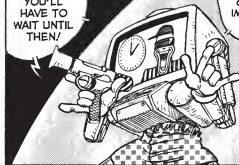




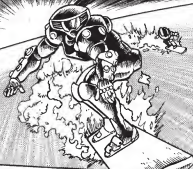
THEY'LL
SHOW UP
ON THE
OTHER SIDE
IN ABOUT
25
MINUTES!
YOU'LL
HAVE TO
WAIT UNTIL
THEN!

AAAND THE
IONIZED
ATMO-
SPHERE
WILL MAKE
COMMUNI-
CATION
IMPOSSI-
BLE!

BOTH MEN
ARE
ABOUT TO
ENTER THE
DARK
SIDE OF
THE
PLANET,
WHERE
THEY
WON'T BE
VISIBLE!



SOLAR ACTIVITY
CAUSES CHANGES IN
ATMOSPHERIC DENSITY
BETWEEN DAY AND
NIGHT... AND THAT
CAUSES A
WONDERFULLY
EXCITING PHENOMENON
ON THE BOUNDARY
BETWEEN THESE TWO
PHASES!



BUT
THIS IS
WHERE
EXPERTS
SHINE!

KEEPING
UP
PRETTY
WELL,
YOU
LITTLE
BRAT.

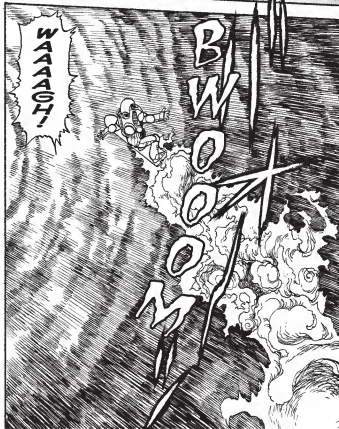
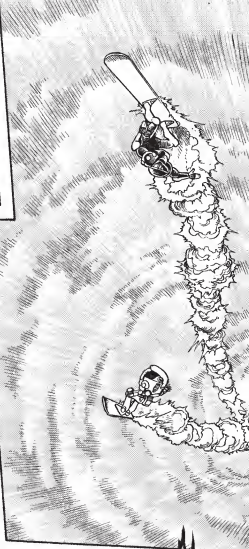
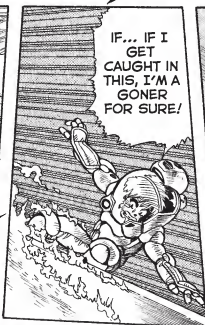
WU LOOM
Kat!

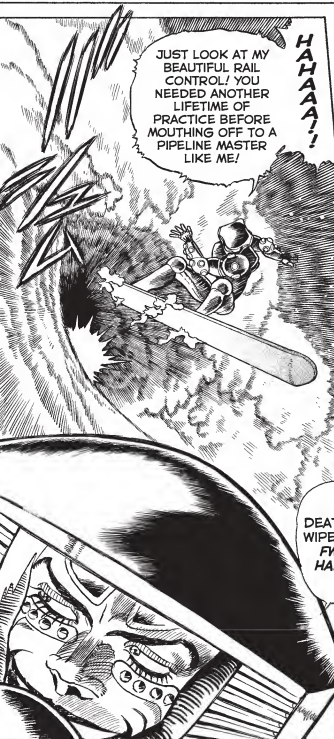
THE
TWILIGHT
TUBE!!

SEE YA,
KID!
I'M
OFF TO
HAVE
FUN!

GAH!



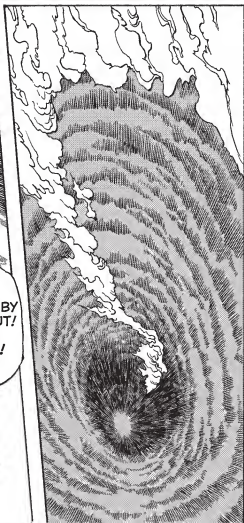
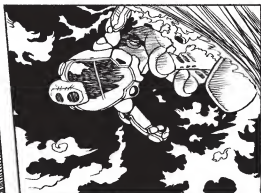


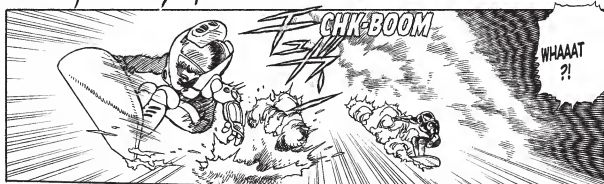


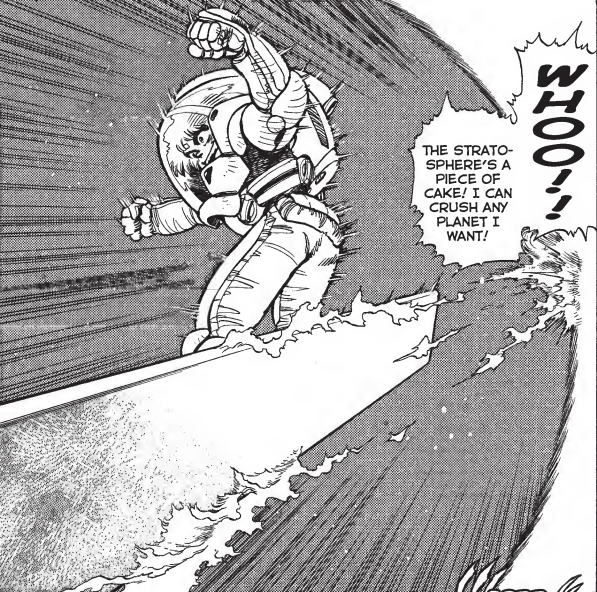
JUST LOOK AT MY
BEAUTIFUL RAIL
CONTROL! YOU
NEEDED ANOTHER
LIFETIME OF
PRACTICE BEFORE
MOUTHING OFF TO A
PIPELINE MASTER
LIKE ME!

H A H A A !

DEATH BY
WIPEOUT!
FWA-
HAHA!





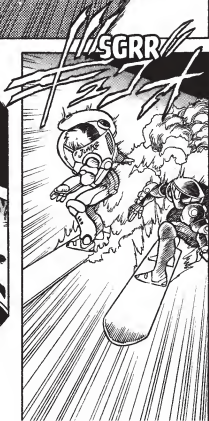


WHOO!!

THE STRATO-
SPHERE'S A
PIECE OF
CAKE! I CAN
CRUSH ANY
PLANET I
WANT!

ONLY FOUR
MEN HAVE
EVER RACED
WITH ME AND
MADE IT HERE
TO THE DARK
SIDE!!

OH OH OH...
ALEPH... WAS
IT? YOU'RE
ASTONISHINGLY
AGGRESSIVE!



SGRR



HE'S
COMING
!

AH!



AGH
!



W...
WHAT'S
HE
DOING?



GULP

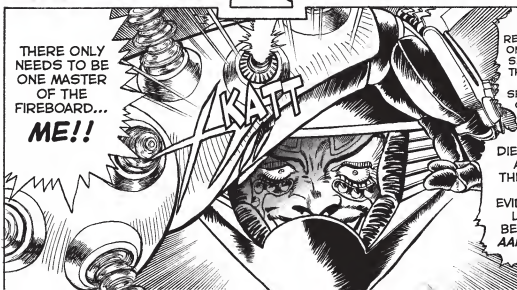


KRACK
KRACK

AAAAH!

THERE ONLY
NEEDS TO BE
ONE MASTER
OF THE
FIREBOARD...

ME!!



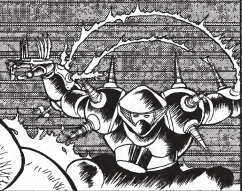
KATT

THIS IS
WHERE I
REALLY SHINE!
ON THE DARK
SIDE, WHERE
THE JUDGES
AND
SPECTATORS
CAN'T SEE
US!!

DIE HERE
AND
THERE'S
NO
EVIDENCE
LEFT
BEHIND!
AAHAHA!

YOU
STUPID
PANSY...!
WEREN'T
YOU JUST
GOING ON
ABOUT WHY
WE NEED
RULES?!

DAMN IT!
I
SHOULD'VE
BROUGHT A
WEAPON,
TOO...

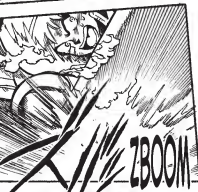


DKRRR

AH,
CLOSING
THE
DISTANCE
ON YOUR
OWN!

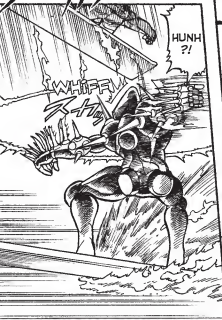
IT'S
DO
OR
DIE!

THEN AGAIN, I
MIGHT LIKE HIM
BETTER LIKE
THIS... UNFAIR
ATTACKS WITH
THE CLEAR
INTENT TO KILL
ME ARE A LOT
MORE
PIRATE-LIKE
THAN BEING A
CRAPPY
HYPOCRITE!



ZBOOM

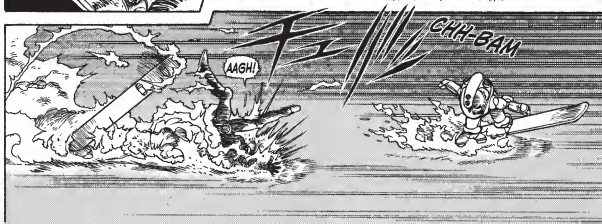
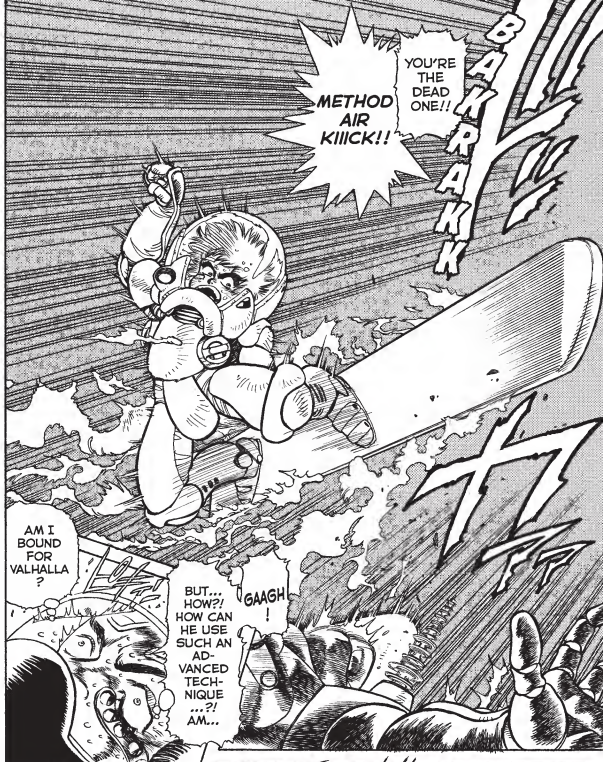
HUNH
?!



THEN
DIE!!

HWAHAHA!!
YOU'RE
SURPRIS-
INGLY
MANLY!
ALL
RIGHT...

GWOOSH



...I
SEE
THEM!

WAGH!

CHKK

DAMN IT!
THIS RACE
IS
BOGUS!
IT'S
INVALID!!

JUNKS
WINS!!

NOT BAD!

YOU'RE
TOUGH WHEN
YOU'RE
HIDING
BEHIND
AUTHORITY.

I'M THE
JUDGE
HERE!!

RED
CARD
!!

TO GAF

ONE-MAN

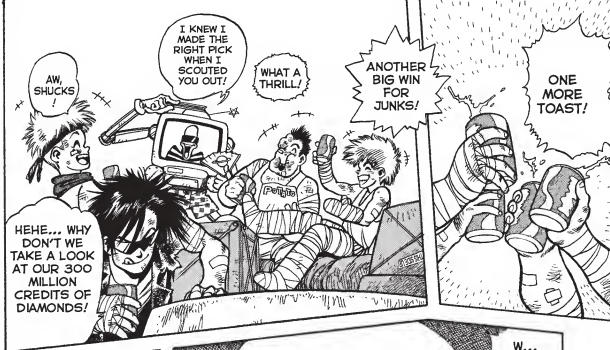
BOOM

URKK

I...
IMPOS-
SIBLE!!

I COULD
GET THE
HANG OF
RISKING MY
LIFE FOR
KICKS!

TWINKLE



WILL KEEP FLOATING THROUGH THE DISTANT SEA OF STARS WITH NO REGARDS FOR THE FUTURE, ENTRUSTING OUR FATE TO ITS WILD WINDS!

DAAAAGH! WHO MESSED UP?!!

-AND SO, DESPITE OUR STUPID MISTAKES, THE FOUR HUMANS AND ONE UNIT THAT MAKE UP JUNKS...



The Space Rovers: Part 2 / END

“Space Oddity” & “Junks: The Space Rovers, Part 2”

Translation Notes

IDGAF, page 617, 623-634, & 635

A reference to the “Truck Yaro” series of films, consisting of ten 1970s movies directed by Noribumi Suzuki and starring Bunta Sugawara and Kinya Aikawa as rough truck drivers. The subtitle of the first film in the series was *Goiken Muyo*, or “We Don’t Care What You Think,” a phrase also printed on the side of the protagonists’ truck. This is basically the same as “I Don’t Give a F...” (you can guess the rest).



One-man, page 617, 623-634, & 635

A sign often seen on trains or buses to indicate that they are being run by a single operator.

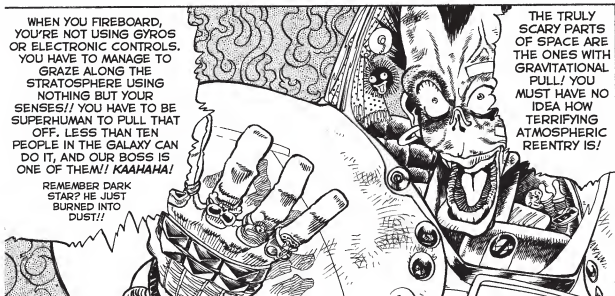
Dark Star, page 641

Dark Star is a 1974 John Carpenter film in which the protagonist surfs into the atmosphere of a planet at the end of the film, burning into dust as a result.

WHEN YOU FIREBOARD,
YOU'RE NOT USING GYROS
OR ELECTRONIC CONTROLS.
YOU HAVE TO MANAGE TO
GRAZE ALONG THE
STRATOSPHERE USING
NOTHING BUT YOUR
SENSES!! YOU HAVE TO BE
SUPERHUMAN TO PULL THAT
OFF. LESS THAN TEN
PEOPLE IN THE GALAXY CAN
DO IT, AND OUR BOSS IS
ONE OF THEM!! KAAHAHA!

REMEMBER DARK
STAR? HE JUST
BURNED INTO
DUST!!

THE TRULY
SCARY PARTS
OF SPACE ARE
THE ONES WITH
GRAVITATIONAL
PULL! YOU
MUST HAVE NO
IDEA HOW
TERRIFYING
ATMOSPHERIC
REENTRY IS!



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